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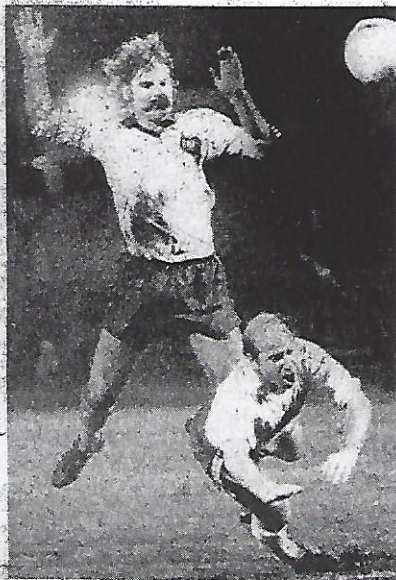
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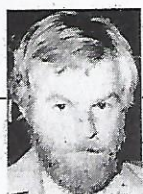
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Former Soccerro captain Peter Wilson proves too strong for the great Bobby Charlton.

WE'LL KILL THE KIWIS: WILSON



By
LAURIE
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Rudi will stay — Sir Arthur



Rival coaches John Adshead (left) of NZ and Soccerro supremo Rudi Gutendorf toast each other. They may be friends today but wait until May 16.

Sure, Australia threw the game away against New Zealand, draws Peter Wilson. Its play was "no great shakes" and there was panic. They were frightened to make mistakes, he says, so they were happy enough just to kick it away as fast as possible.

But in Wilson's opinion, there's no cause for alarm.

"When we get New Zealand on the wide and flat Cricket Ground, our quick players up front will expose the Kiwis," he says.

"In fact I reckon we'll tear them apart."

"And we'll continue to improve in the other games. I reckon we'll put six or seven past Indonesia in Melbourne. If we don't beat them at home, we don't deserve to go any further."

Many believe Wilson should be given back the national team sweeper's position he filled with great distinction from 1970 to 1977 and again, briefly, in 1980.

Wilson's all-time best Australian XI

Todd CLARKE (Syd. C. & Beograd, SA)	Doug UTJESENOVIC (JUST & St. George)	Manfred SCHAEFER (St. George)	Kaz KULAK (Polonia & Pan Hellenic)	Col CURRAN (Adamstown, West Subs., Marconi, Newcastle KB)
Gary BYRNE (Marconi)	Jimmy MACKAY (Croatia Vic., Syd. C., SM-Hellas, Albion Rovers, Morwell Falcons)	Ray RICHARDS (Latrobe, Qld., Croatia NSW, Marconi, APIA)	Phil O'CONNOR (Wollongong, St. George, APIA)	
Attila ABONYI (Melbourne, St. George, Croatia NSW)	Ray BAAHTZ (Syd. C.)			

Wilson's present all-star selection

Dennis BOLAND (Foots. JUST)	Steve PERRY (Brisb. C)	Jim HERMISTON (Brisb. Lions)	Col BENNETT (Brisb. Lions)	Alan DAVIDSON (5th Melb Hellas)
Gary BYRNE (Marconi)	Zdenko KAFKA (APIA)	Ken BODEN (Syd. C)		
Rob CULLEN (Makedonia)	John KOSMINA (Syd. C.)	Phil O'CONNOR (APIA)		

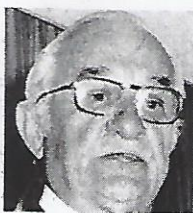
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By
CRAIG
MACKENZIE

ASF president Sir Arthur George slammed rumours that Soccerro coach Rudi Gutendorf would get the chop.

"There is no truth in such rumours and I can assure you that Rudi will see out the terms of his contract," said Sir Arthur.

Gutendorf's contract as national coach will expire in October of this year if the Soccerro don't get to Spain. But success in the Oceania group and a first or second placing in a round robin tournament against China, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia will allow the controversial German to



Sir Arthur George.

Tommy Docherty is being widely tipped as a possible successor to Gutendorf. Sir Arthur and Docherty have mutual respect for each other.

"Just look at what Tommy Docherty was done with a bunch of youngsters at Sydney Olympic," said Sir Arthur. "He's completely transformed them into a fine team and Peter Katholos has emerged."

"I think that the best thing that's happened to Australian soccer is the arrival on our shores of Gutendorf, Docherty, Frank Arok at St. George and George Murray at Canberra."

"They've stepped the coaching merry-go-round among existing coaches most of whose knowledge is steeped in the dark past."

Sir Arthur was disappointed with Australia's 3-3 draw with New Zealand.

"I thought our defence was lamentable and our attack lacked cohesion."

"But I'm no soccer expert, just a logical thinker. "I had a long talk with the coach and the team captain (Murray Barnes) after the game and they had difficulty pinpointing where we went wrong."

"Rudi takes the accepted European view that a point away from home is good and that you should win the home match."



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Returned from their tour, ASF president Sir Arthur Barnes interviewed the players at Sydney and talked to the Press.

had been punctured by controversy and Sir Arthur wanted to make sure that no more fuel was thrown on the fire.

He made it clear to the players it would be unprofessional for them to speak about their coach or about any mistakes that may have been made on the tour.

Yet last week, in an interview with the "Sydney Morning Herald," Sir Arthur took it on himself to criticise Soccer captain Murray Barnes over his performance against New Zealand and suggest that Jim Tansey and John Zenden should play in the return game against the Kiwis.

Sir Arthur hadn't even been at the game!

On TV he had called Katholios Katholios and Giampaolo Giampaolo.

So how could he comment about matters concerning the team and the coach? How would he know what the problems were? Did he hear Rudi Gutendorf instructing the players before the game and at half-time? Did he know how well they carried out those instructions? Did he know what job every player had been assigned? We had the individuals, but we didn't have teamwork, yet Sir Arthur chose to criticise Murray Barnes directly.

Surely in answer to questions about the team, the ASF president automatically should say: "Ask Rudi Gutendorf. He's the coach."

While on the subject of the national team, I still feel sorry for Gary Cole.

Self-appointed experts pushed new men like Sebastian Giampaolo, John Kosmina, Billy Rogers, Peter Katholios and Alan Niven into the Soccer squad, yet Cole, who had earned his place with hard work and continuous service

over three years, was given the chop at the last minute, supposedly because he had a slight injury.

There was still a week for him to recover, and indeed, he played in a club match for Heidelberg the day before the Socceros left for Auckland. Ken Boden and Peter Sharne also were carrying slight injuries. Boden wasn't able to train for about a week, yet they were taken to Auckland while Cole was left behind.

If Gutendorf was unhappy with Cole's form, he perhaps may be having second thoughts, for it was Eddie Krncevic, the man who copped more kicks than anyone, who saved Australia from defeat in Auckland.

Krncevic too had been in bad form, but he is an integral part of the Socceros team and he gave his all when it mattered.

The other extraordinary aspect of Australia's first World Cup week was the fact that Tony Boggi of Victoria, and the Socceros' gear steward, were sent to Auckland ahead of the team, to spy on the Kiwis.

This prompts two pertinent questions:

1. If Rudi himself couldn't leave early, why didn't he send Les Scheinflug who is our first-ever full-time national assistant coach?

2. What did Rudi think he would find out from his "spies" at such a late stage? Does one practice free kicks 24 hours before a match, or two years before?

In conclusion, the 3-3 result was in no way disastrous, but the performance itself left a lot to be desired, and Rudi should think twice about selecting players who should not be



RALE RASIC

in calculations because they have not earned their places the way many other players have.

Apparently neither Peter Katholios nor his coach Tommy Docherty is very happy about the way Katholios was treated in Auckland.

The story is that Katholios was told by Rudi Gutendorf that he would be in the opening 11, but Rudi later changed his mind. Gutendorf then apparently told Docherty, who was at the match, that Katholios would replace Ken Boden. As it turned out, however, it was Sebastian Giampaolo who came on in Boden's place.

I opened with a piece on Sir Arthur George, so I'll give him the privilege of closing this column as well.

Guess who sat on the Sydney Olympic bench during the game against Marconi? None other than the president of the Australian Soccer Federation.

He obviously must be confident that no-one doubts his impartiality, but I bet a Press man wouldn't risk such a thing.

Bobby Moore coming

Bobby Moore (right) will play for Wollongong City and Perth club Inglewood Kiev in June.

The former England captain will be a guest player with Kiev for about six weeks.

Wollongong coach Ken Morton has arranged to fly Moore for Perth for one exhibition match, probably against a

Fairy Meadow-Wollongong United combined team under lights at Bulli.

His fee for that match is less than \$500.

Moore, who captained England in its 1966 World Cup triumph, has played 108 games for his country — more than any other English international.



• This is the first in a series of "Soccer Action" features on PSL and State League coaches from around Australia. Here **BOBBY McLACHLAN** coach of Victorian State League club Green Gully Ajax is interviewed by **CRAIG MACKENZIE**.

Bobby McLachlan took over the reins at Ajax early last year.

The side had narrowly avoided relegation in 1979. He assessed his squad and felt that the less they gave away the better. So he opted for a man-to-man system over most parts of the field.

Even his forwards out wide were told to come back with the overlapping full back and when they failed to do so the diminutive McLachlan usually lost his cool.

His outbursts are almost legendary. Like the time he blew his top in the dressing room at Olympic Park. A policeman nearby wasn't keen on McLachlan's language and told him to tone it down. He did so after remonstrations from club officials.

He enjoys using the element of surprise to his advantage.

I've seen him stalking around outside the dressing room at half time. Inside eleven players are sitting silently, heads bowed, waiting for McLachlan to burst through the door and rage at them. Sometimes it doesn't happen. He keeps the players on their toes that way.

What's he going to do next is the question on most people's lips if they're near the bench during the match and Ajax isn't doing well.

But the drive to get more from a team that doesn't give it all is at the heart of most McLachlan outbursts.

McLachlan was that sort of player. During his days with Croatia and Apia he was a tigerish, never-say-die type. He expects that commitment to be matched by most of his players.

He gets frustrated sitting on the bench.

He'd dearly love to be out there. That's where the game takes place. That's where it happens. No matter what you do, say or wish for, as a non-playing coach. When the whistle goes to start the match there are eleven players out there doing it for you.

"I'd give it all away to be a few years younger and be out there playing, even as an average player, just as long as I was out there," said McLachlan.

"Even when we won the Ampol Cup this year I couldn't really feel the way the players must have felt.

"They'd done it. They were out there where it happened and what they felt was unique."

But make no mistake; there are rewards too. Like the satisfaction of moulding a possible championship side, of wheeling and dealing in the transfer market and bringing quality players here like former Eire international Jimmy Dunne who won the Bill Fleming Medal and the General Tourist-Soccer Action State League Player of the Year Award last year.

Dunne was on a four year contract with Ajax but the club let him go to Brisbane City for \$10,000. McLachlan's pleased to see Dunne doing well in the PSL but he regrets losing him not only as a player but as a friend.

Ajax finished third in the State League last year. It was



Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan conducts training.

McLachlan aims to lead Ajax into PSL

the highest the club had finished after rising from the Metro Leagues into State League in 1977.

McLachlan maintains that his approach paid dividends. Don't give much away, was the usual order of the day. If you cut a side down to four clear cut chances you'll minimise the possibility of goals against and you have a fair chance of getting a result.

Without a regular scorer McLachlan opted for what some would call very defensive tactics.

But it worked. Two draws against the eventual league champion Preston Makedonia was evidence of the success of McLachlan's thinking.

Everyone at Ajax was pleased with last year's performance. But McLachlan knew that more would be expected. He expected more himself. So he set about revamping the line-up in keeping with his plan to build a championship side within three years.

And who knows, he could be a year ahead of schedule!

The money from the Dunne transfer and the transfers of Billy Vojtek, Steve Bennie, John Patton, Dave Perkin, Andy Segi and Grant Smart have covered the new players bought by McLachlan.

Many State League clubs were after Frankston City striker Kevin Wall. McLachlan won the race to sign him.

Then Peter Lewis decided to

sign. For \$1,000 he was a steal from Altona. Again McLachlan beat other clubs to the punch.

Stuart Cannell, Kit Greechan, John Gardiner, Gus McLeod and Jim Williams joined. And Paul Lewis from English club Chester is on his way.

But that's not enough. McLachlan isn't happy with his midfield. He's on the lookout for a top class player there.

The jokes came thick and fast. McLachlan was behind most of them.

"I have to pick up the newspaper every morning to see who I've signed," he said.

And he'd ring journalists asking them if another signing had been completed. Have I signed anyone else, he'd ask.

Most people thought Ajax must have had a gold mine next to Green Gully Reserve and failed to recognise McLachlan's astute dealing.

The price Ajax paid in total for its new signings was more than matched by the money it received for the seven players who were sold from last year's first team squad.

"I had to effect a big change in personnel this year if we were to stay on target for my championship aspirations."

"Billy Vojtek had done a magnificent job for this club. As a former Australian international he was one of the players who helped to glamorise the side. But at 36 I felt it was better to let Billy go and resume his coaching career."

Steve Bennie had a serious injury and I didn't think he fully recovered from it. The Bennie of old could have held his head high in any company.

John Patton was a lovable rogue type of character. He was flamboyant and found it hard to discipline himself. He liked to throw caution to the wind and be adventurous.

Stuart Cannell has taken over from John. Cannell doesn't have John's carefree image. "I really regret losing Jimmy Dunne but it would have been unfair to hold him back from playing in the PSL. It would have been perfect to have Jimmy in defence and John Gardiner in midfield."

The money is good at Ajax. For players and managers-coaches.

It sounds corny to say that the money isn't everything. When McLachlan says it, he's sincere.

Over and above the money it gives me tremendous satisfaction to see a side build

at the back in complete command, making opponents look second-class."

And if Ajax wins the championship what's left for McLachlan? The PSL perhaps?

"If we achieve league success and don't get into the PSL, I'll leave the club."

"I'd prefer to leave after success and take with me the great friendships that have developed down there."

McLachlan has been in charge of Sunshine, Juventus, Preston Makedonia, Albion Rovers, Footscray JUST, Brighton and Ajax.

But every job has been a challenge. He's never taken over a side on the crest of success.

Under McLachlan Sunshine finished in the top four and beat South Melbourne Hellas 3-1 at Chaplin Reserve and 3-0 at Middle Park with Tommy Cumming notching a hat-trick.

He's won a Dockerty Cup with Juventus, a Second Division championship with Makedonia and threw himself into the firing line when he took over JUST in the latter half of the 1979 season after it had been thrashed 5-1 by Marconi at Olympic Park.

Under McLachlan JUST recovered to avoid relegation.

And back in 1974 he joined his friend Les Shorrocks at Brighton.

McLachlan came as player-coach for the last 10 games of the season. Brighton won nine of those games and the Third Division championship.

McLachlan managed the Australian schoolboys when they toured the U.S. in 1978. He selected Eddie Krncevic, Malcolm McClelland, Peter Katholios, Charlie Yankos, Tony Pozzano, Greg Woodhouse, Mike Milovanovic, Peter Raskopoulos, John Spanos, Ian Hunter, George Christopoulos, Danny Moulis and Paul Kay. All have made their mark in the PSL since.

It's something that McLachlan rarely gets credit for.

He keeps hearing how Rudi Gutendorf moulded these boys and gave them their chance.

But McLachlan brought many of them into the public eye and their careers blossomed.

"When I said that some of these boys would play for their country people probably thought that I was a bloody idiot on a big ego trip."

"I don't think they'd think that now."

Kuwait in play-offs

Kuwait marched into the Asia-Oceania playoffs for a place in the World Cup Finals in Spain next year with a convincing 2-0 victory over South Korea.

Two second half goals from Abdulaziz Anbari and Nasser Al-Ghamari secured Kuwait's win in Asian Group Three. It joins China and Saudi Arabia.

All three are awaiting the outcome of the Oceania group involving Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Taiwan and Fiji.

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Performances don't match the big mouths

Bring back Peter Wilson as sweeper and captain and re-instate young lion Greg Woodhouse in the goal — that's the major changes I would make to the Socceroo defence for the return clash with the Kiwis at the SCG on May 16.

I would make Wilson captain of the team and then we would have the leadership and direction that was sadly missing in Auckland. Despite what Wilson says on page one, I'm sure he could be persuaded to return.

In World Cup football there is no substitute for experience and know-how and a real captain is a must.

In Auckland Australia's two experienced players in defence — captain Murray Barnes and

goalkeeper Allan Maher — both failed.

These two did not play well and certainly did not inspire the men around them.

In fact it was the young brigade of Alan Davidson, Steve Blair and Eddie Krncevic that looked most confident.

But I must add that I felt sorry for young Blair at times.

Here was a youngster who deserved a bit of help and encouragement and did not get it.

He had to plough a lone

furrow and really did it quite well.

However, if it was left to me, I would not play him in the return game at the SCG as he has plenty of time to develop.

I would move Tony Henderson from sweeper to the stopper position, with Wilson behind him.

Woodhouse must be returned to goal. He's young, he's brave and his attitude is correct.

I would also bring West Ad-

TOM ANDERSON



elaide goalkeeper Martyn Crook into the squad.

A great deal was written earlier this week about the availability of Marconi midfielder Gary Byrne.

Byrne now has declared himself available and some scribes want him and Ivo Prskalo and in fact half the Marconi team to play in the return game.

Blimey, it's great what a free meal and a bottle of wine

does for you at the Marconi club!

One poor demented scribe wrote in Sydney that although Byrne does not agree with Rudi Gutendorf's tactics as a coach he should be brought back immediately.

Obviously this fellow has learned his soccer from the Boy's Bumper Fun Book.

Some of the players want to devise the tactics to suit themselves and are suffering from inflated egos.

Maybe if they just concentrated on getting out there and playing the game and obeying instructions Australia would get to Spain.

But if 90 percent of the team does play to instructions and the other 10 percent tries to go its own way then there must be trouble.

I've said it before and I'll say it again now: If some of this present Australian team could produce performances on the field to match their big mouths off the field then the Socceroos would never be beaten.

And by saying this I would like to make it clear that this applies only to one or two players.

I also want to make it

clear that as far as I'm concerned it will be great to see Victorians Jim Tansey and Gary Cole back to fitness and in action again.

They were both missed in Auckland and in top form are a big plus to Australia's hopes.

I also want to say that I still think that the Socceroos can get through to Spain and also defeat New Zealand in the return game.

It was quite funny to read Kiwi coach John Adsheard's remarks that Australia was a poor team with little to offer.

This just shows how much common sense Adsheard has.

If the Socceroos are that poor, what does it make his lot — a load of rubbish.

Roos' failure could put PSL on slide

From page one

Seven years at the helm, Wilson was Australia's longest-serving captain. He also is our longest-serving Socceroo, having played 115 games, 62 of them full internationals.

At 32 he easily could step back into the national team. "I still consider myself among the best of them," he admits matter-of-factly, but he denies reports that Rudi Gutendorf has asked him to return.

"If someone did make an approach, I suppose I'd have to sit down and talk about it, but I'm just as well out of it," he says, in that slow drawl of his.

"After the 1977 World Cup qualifying series, I was no longer in the right frame of mind. I just had nothing to prove anymore. I'd done it all. I lost a bit of interest because we missed out on the 1978 finals, but I said that if Australia was ever in trouble and needed someone to help out, they could count on me. So I said OK when Rudi Gutendorf asked me to play against New Zealand in 1980, after we'd had trouble getting some of the others naturalised.

"But there was no talk about me staying in the team. "He said he wanted to build a young side.

"Then he picked Ivo Prskalo and I thought, if he's not too old, how come I am?"

"Anyway, no-one approached me about coming back, and all the talk is nothing but panic. We should forget all about the draw with New Zealand. It wasn't a true reflection of ability."

Nevertheless, Wilson offers a few thoughts from an old head.

Col Bennett of Brisbane Lions would do a good job in Australia's defence. He's a good, honest player and a good marker, says Wilson, so he should be in the squad.

Australia has no-one in midfield who can take a game by the scruff of the neck and dictate the pace. Ken Boden is a good individual who can win a game by himself, but he needs a commanding midfield general next to him.

"It's hard to say whether Jimmy Rooney could still do it," Wilson continues, "but Gary Byrne certainly should. He should have been there from the start because he's the best midfielder in Australia, but unfortunately he has trouble getting time off work."

If Australia fails to reach the World Cup finals in Spain, soccer in Australia will suffer, says Wilson.

"It may even get to the stage where the Phillips League may have to fold."

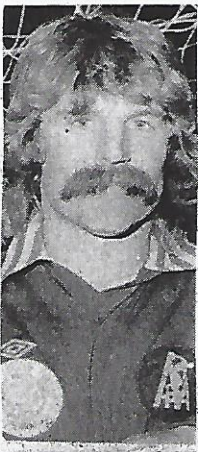
"Costs are rising in the PSL, yet crowds are going down."

"If they were to revert to a NSW super league, including Newcastle, Wollongong and Canberra, the crowds would be the same, if not bigger, and the cost would be lower."

"The game isn't really gone ahead, has it?"

"It's competing against too many other codes, without getting the same publicity. I mean you rarely see a back-page splash on soccer, do you?"

"You ask your average soccer player to name six top Australian Rules or Rugby League players, and I bet he could do it pretty quickly,



Peter Wilson

lives underground in a Wollongong coal mine, as he did when he was Australian captain.

He hates it but it's the only job that enables him to finish at 2 pm so he can drive to Sydney for training with APLA. Leichhardt three times a week.

He leaves home at 3.45 pm and gets back at 9.30 pm. "It gets you down," he admits. "I should have moved to Sydney a long time ago to make it easier, but at this stage there's not much point."

He plays for APLA on a year-to-year contract and doesn't plan ahead.

"I'll continue playing next year, probably, but I don't know what I'll do when I finish up. I don't really have much interest in coaching. Maybe I'd be better off right out of soccer for a while."

Any chance he'll switch to Wollongong City?

"The way they're going I probably wouldn't get a game," he says, quite seriously. "There was some talk about Wollongong being interested in me when they started the club, but they were working on a rock-bottom budget and I think they were a bit frightened to ask about transfer fees."

Wilson has had his fair share of transfers.

After joining South Coast United from English club Middlesbrough, he switched to Marconi for \$5000 in 1971, then back to South Coast in 1972 for \$12,500 and to Western Suburbs in 1974 for \$3000.

APLA took over Western Suburbs in early 1979. He concedes that the APLA team still has a few weaknesses, but he's pleased that it has had a much better start to the season than it did last year.

"Zdenko Kafka has fitted in very well since he joined from Croatia," he says. "He's a top pro with tons of ability. He can hold the ball and he finds the gaps with those pinpoint passes of his."

"But maybe we need another man in the middle of the park — an anchor man who will stay back a bit more. John Coyne was in the middle, but he fell out with different people and now he seems to be

Morsello to go from strength to strength. Morsello transferred from Inter Monaro a few weeks ago for \$9000 after Monaro initially had asked for \$16,000.

"But we miss Terry Butler," Wilson says. "He's been out with a stomach injury and it may take another six weeks before he can play again, although he's just started training. He's a 150c player and a good goalscorer."

Wilson also has praise for his fellow central defender, Mark Pullen. "He's underrated," says Wilson. "He's got lots of natural ability, he's very fast and he's good in the air. We combine well, with him picking up the forward and me picking up the crumbs."

"It's in the full back positions that the leaks open up. The full backs are just a bit too enthusiastic to get forward, instead of concentrating on defence."

Does Wilson agree with former national coach Rale Rasic and former Socceroo captain Johnny Warren who have denounced the ASF for failing to recognise Socceroos of the past?

"Oh, you come to expect it," he says.

"A lot of players before me gave long service and were forgotten about."

"Maybe the ASF should provide the players with a memento of each game. They would be treasured possessions, I'm sure."

"Maybe former players should be invited to all international games. I suppose that's nothing more than common courtesy."

"But then, the ASF is running on a strict budget."

"Maybe sending out 30 or 40 letters would be too expensive ..."



Mark Pullen



Phil O'Connor

Steve Wooddin the toast of Dunedin

Steve Wooddin was one of the most impressive players on view during the Anzac Day clash, however the English born striker was initially refused the right to enter New Zealand by the Immigration Department.

In fact Wooddin's first three migration applications were turned down and it was only due to his own persistence and that of Dunedin City team manager Les Watson that Wooddin eventually, settled in 1977.

Les Watson, brother of All Black coach Eric Watson had originally envisaged Wooddin as the kingpin of City's first National League campaign.

It transpired that he arrived in time only to participate in the last two games of the 1977 season, far too late to save the Otago club from an inglorious relegation.

Wooddin had first come to Watson's attention as a prolific goalscorer with Winsford United, one of North-West England's strongest semi-professional outfits.

Previously he had been on Tranmere Rovers books, playing three games in the 1974-75 season, in which they were relegated from the Third Division.

The Merseyside son proved himself worthy of all the trouble taken in bringing him to Dunedin, as he spearheaded City's successful promotion attempt on 1978 and subsequent entrenchment in the National League.

Such is Wooddin's importance to City that many critics have feigned surprise upon discovering he does not collect gate money and sell the club programmes!

Indeed it is surprising that Wooddin has remained in Dunedin, despite the approaches of a host of wealthy North Island clubs.

Doubts were expressed about the City forward's ability at international level after being outclassed by England B's Vic Anderson whilst playing for Otago.

Superb form in the National League could not be ignored though the Woodin was duly called up for New Zealand against Australia in May 1979, only for him to be declared ineligible at the last moment having failed to apply for naturalisation.

Consequently it was a further fifteen months before the first cap materialised. The wait proved worthwhile as Wooddin gave a scintillating performance and scored a spectacular goal in the 4-2

China, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the winner of the Oceania group may play their World Cup qualifying matches in a tournament in Kuala Lumpur.

This would suit Australia better than a series of home and away matches, especially since it would have to play on artificial turf in Saudi Arabia.

However, Australia must first win the Oceania section. It remains favorite, despite its 3-3 draw with New Zealand in the first match.

The man trying to arrange the Kuala Lumpur tournament is Datuk Nbin Halizah, a FIFA executive member from Malaysia.

The tournament would complete the qualifying programme in much less time than it would take to

Tournament favors Australia

play home and away matches, and it would provide less disruption to domestic competitions.

The problem facing Australia is that sponsors who have promised to provide additional money for the second qualifying round would do so only if there is guaranteed TV coverage and if they can display advertising signs around the pitch.

Obviously Malaysian advertisers would get first preference in Kuala Lumpur, meaning the

ASF could miss out on its sponsorship money.

Still, it's better having the tournament than the money. By increasing the chances of the Socceroos getting to Spain, the ASF would be one step closer to the financial bonanza awaiting each of the 24 finalists.

The idea of the Malaysia tournament may be discussed at a FIFA World Cup meeting on May 6 and 7. ASF president Sir Arthur George will be there.

Meanwhile, the countdown continues for Australia's return match with New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground on May 16.

Leading up to that game, New Zealand will have played against Fiji last Sunday (Friday) and Indonesia next Monday.

The Kiwis risk injuries but they also will sharpen their team-work in those games. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Poland 1-0

CHORZOW — Poland beat East Germany 1-0 (half time) in a World Cup European Group Seven qualifying tie. Scorers: Andrzej Buncol (55th minute). Attendance: 80,000.

NZ 4-0

NADI — New Zealand beat Fiji 4-0 in a World Cup Oceania qualifying match at Ba, near Nadi. Half time score was 3-0. Scorers were Brian Turner (3) and Duncan Cole.

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LUJIC BACK

Zdravko Lujic is expected to return from Yugoslavia today (Wednesday) to strengthen Footscray J.U.S.T.'s fight against relegation.

Lujic (left), who was in the Soccerroo squad last year, has been playing in Yugoslavia for the past six months.

Ilija Petkovic, captain of OFK Belgrade, may arrive a little later than had been expected.

OFK, like J.U.S.T., is battling against relegation and it seems to be winning the battle due to the efforts of Petkovic who scored in a recent 1-0 win and a 1-1 draw.

He was best on the ground in both matches, so OFK wants him to stay until relegation has been clearly avoided.

J.U.S.T. must pick up points in the next four matches — against Heidelberg, West Adelaide, Hellenic, Brisbane Lions and Blacktown — if there is to be hope for the future — LAURIE SCHWAB.



Paul Kay in action for St George in the 1980 PSL.

'Gong for world title, Adelaide's a threat

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

South Melbourne Hellas and Adelaide City are widely recognised as two of the most attractive, interpassing sides in the PSL so their clash at Middle Park on Sunday promises to be one of the entertainment delights of the season for the Melbourne soccer public.

Marconi shalt not pass

When the Marconi team bus arrived at Pratten Park for its game against Sydney Olympic, it was met by Olympic secretary Nick Smilis who must have thought the bus and the players' club outfits were a ruse thought up by a group of would-be gatecrashers.

The ever-vigilant Smilis demanded to see a PSL pass for each player and official, and 40 cents for programmes.

It was only when Olympic coach Tommy Docherty was asked to intervene that the harassment stopped.

Marconi sent a letter of strong protest to the Philips League over the incident. — KNUT WERNER.

Philips Cup

The confirmed Philips Cup matches to be played today (Wednesday) are:

Wollongong v APIA-Leichhardt, 7.30 pm, Woonona Oval.

Sydney City Hakoh v. Weston Bears, 6.30 pm, Marconi Stadium.

Marconi Datsun v. Canterbury Merrickville, 8.30 pm, Marconi Stadium.

Grange Thistle v. Marreba, 8.00 pm, Perry Park.

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The winner will be the goalkeeper who has appeared most often in the "Soccer Action" team of the week.

This week's top goalkeeper is GREG WOODHOUSE of APIA-Leichhardt.

IN MELBOURNE

Footscray J.U.S.T. v HEIDELBERG at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — Heid 3-1, 2-0. 1978 — Heid 2-1, J.U.S.T. 1-0. 1979 — Heid 2-1, 2-2. 1980 — Heid 2-0, 3-2. Advantage Heidelberg 6 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss. Goals: 18:8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Adelaide City at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — AC 2-0, 0-0. 1978 — Hellas 5-0, 1-1, 1979 — AC 3-0, Hellas 1-0. 1980 — Hellas 2-1, 1-0. Advantage Hellas 4 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 10:7.

IN SYDNEY

APIA Leichhardt v Sydney City (draw) at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 — SC 3-0, APIA 3-2. 1980 — SC 4-2, 2-2.

Blacktown v Marconi Datsun (draw) at Gabble Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1980 — Marc 9-0, Black 5-1.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v PRESTON MAKEDONIA at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

IN WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG v Brisbane City at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN NEWCASTLE

Newcastle KB v CANBERRA at International Sports Field, Previous results: 1978 — Newc 3-0, 2-2. 1979 — Newc 5-1, Canb 2-0. 1980 — Can 4-0, Newc 2-1. Advantage Newcastle 3 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 12:10.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic (draw) at Richlands Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — SO 2-0, 1-0. 1978 — BL 4-2, SO 2-1. 1979 — BL 1-0, 0-0. Advantage Olympic 3 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 7:8.

APLA's defence, marshalled by former Soccerroo sweeper Peter Wilson and stopper Mark Pullen won't give much away to Sydney City Soccerroos John Kosmina and Ken Boden. And if Murray Barnes can't erase the memory of his shocker against the Kiwis two weeks ago the APIA front line of Sebastian Giampolo, Tony Morsello and Phil O'Connor won't show any sympathy.

All three will be the toast of Lambert Park if the Slickers are knocked off and the consistency and organisation of Eddie Thomson's side takes some beating.

Across town at the Gabble Stadium Rale Rasie resumes hostilities, with his former Marconi charges.

Rasie's Blacktown is desperate for a top class striker but if Jovan Djordjevic plays up front he'll terrorise the Marconi defence.

If Alan Davidson couldn't stop Djordjevic, what hope has Jim Muir and Ivo Prskalo?

And with Tony Henderson behind them anything could happen! Rasie needs no introduction to his opponents. He knows the strengths and weaknesses of every Marconi player and the Demons will be asked to exploit the weaknesses which Rasie outlines.

If they follow his instructions to the letter they will end the day with at least one point.

I don't know what to expect from Preston Makedonia this weekend against West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Although West is struggling, Makedonia has been running hot and cold this season.

When you watch Makedonia surging forward you're impressed by the exciting talents of Doug Brown and Rob Pullen and the experience and vision of Peter Ollerton.

But too often Makedonia has gone forward in a haphazard fashion and against well organised defences this usually proves to be a waste of energy and time.

Alan Whittle's steady influence should take out some of the kick and rush aspects which creep into Makedonia's game. With another player

like Ollerton who can hold the ball and slow things down Makedonia should reap rewards and although its away record is nothing to write home about I expect Brian Edgley's side to return to Melbourne with two points after Sunday's match.

After "Soccer Action" editor Laurie Schwab briefed me on the amazing qualities of Wollongong's play I feel obliged to pick Ken Morton's Marvels to beat Brisbane City at the Wollongong Showgrounds.

It's got nothing to do with the fact that Laurie is the boss but I think Wollongong is the best thing since sliced bread, should easily win the PSL title. PSLs Cup and Grand Final and could start a world-record breaking run of championship victories culminating in a world club championship showdown against the best that Europe or South America can offer.

And the journalist who had the audacity to suggest recently that "Wollongong Washouts" was more appropriate than "Morton's Marvels" is obviously ignorant, illiterate, incompetent and labours under the handicap of an ethnic background.

And before I fall into a cowering, quivering heap against the wall of this office I feel duty bound to add that Canberra is too well organised for inconsistent Newcastle and will win the battle of the International Sports Field.

Without wishing to betray the source of my ethnic handicap I believe that Canberra's Scottish imports Ian Gibson and Ian Purdie have greatly strengthened George Murray's line-up so much so that Canberra must be taken seriously as a challenger for the 1981 PSL title. The challenge won't falter against Newcastle.

And I don't care who raves about The Doc and his team of boys; I still say that Brisbane Lions have the best central defensive duo in Australia in Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett and Olympic will have to be content with a point at Richlands Stadium.

Kay, Tredinnick partnership to boost Wollongong?

Paul Kay is expected to line up for Wollongong City in its Philips Cup match against APIA Leichhardt at Woonona tonight (Wednesday).

Wollongong coach Ken Morton was negotiating with St George coach Frank Arok during the week to have Kay's \$10,000 transfer fee reduced.

"With Paul Kay playing wide on the right of the midfield, and Peter Tredinnick on the left, we'll really be able to stretch opposing defences," Morton said.

Kay, a key midfielder and goalscorer in the national youth team, long has been the wonder boy of Australian junior and youth soccer. But after playing in a few Ampol Cup

matches for St George, he was relegated to the bench and to second grade.

"I want to play first grade. Football is my life," Kay said.

"I told Frank Arok I was unhappy and he said he couldn't very well change a winning team that's scoring four or five goals a game, so I asked for a transfer."

Kay lives in Wollongong, so a move to Morton's team is ideal for him.

Morton first saw Kay in the NSW State team, playing full back against Dynamo Zagreb.

Morton said Jim McBrean, who has been playing wide in midfield, would move inside to make room for Kay. He said he did not yet know who would be left out. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

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Frankfurt takes the Cup

STUTTGART, Eintracht Frankfurt beat Kaiserslautern 3-1 (halftime 2-0) to win the West German Soccer Cup here on Saturday.

After a scrappy start, Frankfurt tore the Kaiserslautern defence apart with two goals in the space of two minutes, ensuring itself a place in the Cup-Winners' Cup competition.

Veteran Willy Neuberger, 35, opened the scoring in the 38th minute with a cannonball shot from 25 metres and, with Kaiserslautern still reeling, striker Ronald Borchers added the second with a beautifully judged lob over Swedish international goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstrom.

Borchers was the architect behind Eintracht's third goal in the 64th minute with a superb cross to South German striker Cha Bum Kuen who put the result beyond doubt with a powerful header.

Kaiserslautern, third in the Bundesliga and virtually certain of a place in next season's UEFA cup, scored a consolation goal in the 89th minute through Rainer Geyer.



Eintracht Frankfurt's Korean forward Cha Bum Kuen heads powerfully past Kaiserslautern goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstrom in the West German Cup final on Saturday.

Marconi saved by Johnston, Picoane

Marconi 2
Brisbane Lions 1

Scorers: Marconi — Johnston, Shame, Lions — Bennett.

Ground: Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2225. Referee: K. Small 5.

MARCONI: Maher 7 — Brogan 7, Priskalo 7, Mariani 7, Dwyer 8 — Houssaini 6 (inj), Henderson 65th, Picoane 8, Byrne 7 — Shame 6, Jakovovic 6, Colusso 6 (Johnstone H.T. 7).

LIONS: Lownds 7 — Ontong 8, Hermiston 9 Bennett 9, Niven 7 — Lindsay 7, Hogg 6, McLean 8 — Ferris 5, Millman 8, Bryce 5 (Konstantinou 80th).

Half time substitute Stuart Johnston put the home side on level terms with his first touch and had a hand in the winner.

Socceroo Tony Henderson wasn't fully fit but he replaced the injured Houssein Houssaini in the 65th minute and it was a Henderson pass which led to the winning goal.

Mark Jankovic raced onto Henderson's pass, beat one defender then cut the ball across the goalmouth. Johnston missed but Peter Shame, following up slotted home the decider.

The win was Marconi's third in succession and despite criticism of its play it still is in



Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING 7

close striking distance of a top four berth and looks likely to pressure the leaders before the season is through.

In the first half Marconi created many attacking moves but lacked finishing power in front of goal.

Col Bennett put Brisbane Lions in front with a soft goal in the 40th minute.

Winger Lyle Bryce darted to the goal line before crossing the ball to the unmarked Bennett who finished off the move from 10 metres out.

However, young Johnston changed Marconi's misery to joy after the break as Marconi moved forward with much more purpose.

In the 75th Marconi clinched the winning goal.

With one minute to go Johnston nearly scored his second goal with a smashing header which forced Nigel Lownds to make one of his best saves.

Kondarios blunts Olympic's bite

Syd. Olympic 0
Foots JUST 0

Venue: Pratten Park.

Crowd: 5675.

OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 8 — Moulis 7, Zeros 8, Rowden 8, Palmer 6 (Cross) — Laing 7, Reskopoulos 6, Katholos 9, Jennings 8 — Cotton 6, Koussas 6 (avain).

JUST: Boland 7 (inj, sub, Potter 7, 40th), Milne 7, Kondarios 9, O'Reilly 7, Hazenbent 8 — Mclvor 6, Ilioski 7, Belic 8, Jovanovic 7 — Kakantonis 8, Cazzola 7.

Tommy Docherty complained after the game about JUST's defensive tactics, but surely he should have anticipated them and scolded his own players instead, for not having enough imagination to find a solution.

JUST has been degenerated all season for lacking talent. Olympic has been built up into a glamor team.

If these estimations are genuine, it is JUST that deserves the praise for the discipline it showed in doing its job, for the staunch play of defender Jim Kondarios, the hard running of winger Steve Kakantonis and the gutsy effort of Vlatko Belic.

Sure, Olympic had the bulk of the play, but that had been expected.

Peter Katholos, as he has done so often this year, masterminded most of Olympics forward thrusts. He's some player.

Docherty charged JUST with playing tactics that keep the crowds away.

"I had two attackers and Footsray often ringed them with five defenders. It is no wonder that Footsray do not draw spectators.



Knut Werner

MATCH RATING 7

"On top of that it means that we have to risk a loss by continuing to go forward," he said.

In fact an Olympic loss all but occurred.

Four minutes from fulltime Footsray midfielder Zoran Ilioski tried a swinging 25 metre drive which clipped the posts and went within inches of providing a winner.

Cirkovic was apologetic over his team's defensive display.

"We are at the bottom of the table and every point is vital. "Zdravko Lujic arrives from Yugoslavia this week.

"Soon afterwards we will also have former Yugoslav national team player Ilija Petkovic and another outstanding recruit as well," he added.

The story of the game was that Footsray's massed defence in depth, using up to nine players, shut down the Olympians' midfield.

Added to Footsray's marked height advantage at the back it enabled the Melbourne team to deal with most of the aerial balls as well.

Olympic were in fine form for the opening 20 minutes. As early as the fourth minute defender Ian Rowden came up to nod on a Graham Jennings corner, but Derek Laing blasted his shot wide with the goal mouth yawning in front of him.

After the opening spell the chances slightly favoured Footsray and in the 44th minute a Jim Kondarios header from an Ilioski corner just shaved the cross bar.

Right on half time Footsray goalkeeper Dennis Boland dislocated a shoulder in collision with the upright and was replaced by Steve Potter.

Docherty brought on Mike Cross for Billy Palmer at left-back and Tommy Gavin for striker Mark Koussas within 15 minutes after half time.

Cross suffered a gash to his forehead and Laing pulled a hamstring so it was a battered Olympic that saw out the game.

CELTIC CLUB MEETS

The Melbourne branch of the Celtic Supporters Club will meet at the Club Hotel, 317 Spencer Street, Melbourne, on Monday, May 11. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm.

PLAYERS SOUGHT

Oakleigh City, formerly called Tarax, is looking for players following the departure of Andy and Sander Kazi to Halmstad. Players interested in joining a team boasting stars like Stobden Lujic and Stobden Medvedic should contact David Chant on 520 7329 (work) or 827 5788 (home).

First win since March 1

Adelaide C. 1
Wollongong 2

Scorers: Mitchell 34th (AC), Fontana 44th, McBrean 72nd (Wollongong). Crowd: 3,100. Ground: Olympic Sports-field.

Cautions: Villani (AC), McBrean (Wollongong).

Weather: Mild.

Referee: Stewart Mellings.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 — Russell 7, Jones 8, Parin 7, B. Nyskohus 8 — Marocchi 7, Melts 6 (Miller), Villani 6 (Signori) — Mitchell 7, J. Nyskohus 7, Northcote 8.



Meno Toutsidis

MATCH RATING 7

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7 — Willis 7, Dunleavy 7, De Graaf 8, Ainsworth 7 — Fleming 7, Lathan 7, McBrean 8 — Morlando 7 (Morton), Tredinnick 7, Fontana 7.

Adelaide City Giants had a stranglehold on this match but then choked and allowed Wollongong to execute the perfect smash-and-grab.

Wollongong was calm in its approach and played tight defensive soccer when it was under pressure.

And when the Wolves were on top, they did not totally commit themselves but rather attacked in great numbers when the Giants defence looked vulnerable.

Despite plenty of promising moves, Adelaide City had to wait until the 94th minute to score when Gary Marocchi slipped a brilliant pass to

David Mitchell who streaked past Chris Dunleavy and fired a super shot from 15 metres.

The Adelaide Juventus players were psychologically in the dressing rooms when Glenn Fontana headed the equaliser in the 44th minute.

Adelaide never recovered and looked ordinary after half time.

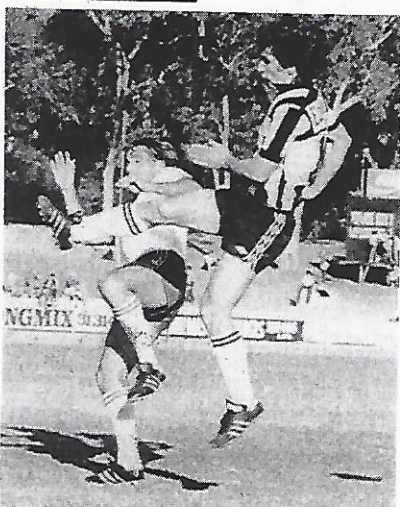
However, it still should have regained the lead in the 5th minute but John Nyskohus held the ball too long and wasted an opportunity for a certain goal when he was forced wide of goal.

Jim McBrean was far more decisive in the 72nd minute when he pounced on a defensive error and fired a powerful shot past Peter Marshall just when it seemed Wollongong would collect just a point.

Once Wollongong shot to the lead, it never looked as if it would surrender that advantage.

Billy de Graaf was again outstanding in the heart of defence while Jim McBrean and Peter Tredinnick were rarely idle.

The win was Wollongong's first since March 1 when it beat Footsray 2-1. Since then it has drawn six games and lost to South Melbourne Hellas.



John Nyskojus of Adelaide City jumps high in a clash with Wollongong's Peter Tredinnick. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

LIONS IN CUP WIN

BRISBANE LIONS 3 (Ferris 32nd & 72nd, Whalley own goal 89th). TOWNSVILLE UNITED 0. at Townsville Sports Reserve, crowd about 1400. Referee — A. Barrell.

BRISBANE LIONS — Burley 7, Ontong 8, Hermiston 8, Bennett 7, Ogden 7, Ferris 8, McLean 8 (McGregor), Lindsay 7, Konstantinou 6, Millman 7, Bryce 6.

TOWNSVILLE UNITED — Figgins 7, Johnson 6, Whalley 7, Costa 8, Montgomery 7, Spiegelbauer 6, Houston 6, Whiteside 6 (White), Walton 6, Kitching 8, (Geoghegan), Deakin 6.

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Woodhouse and a punch-up

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APIA L'hardt 0

Venue: Spencer Park. Weather: Fine, crowd about 2500.

Referee: J. Wood 5.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 7 — Caldwell 7, Dunne 7, Ratcliffe 7, W. Wilkinson 7 — Gaffney 6 (Conner 82nd), Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7 — Palinkas 7, P. Wilkinson 7, Kato 8.

APIA: Woodhouse 9 — Skelern 7, Wilson 7, Pullen (inj, sub McAusland 6, 5th. min), Cassachia 6 — Hughes 7, Gray 5, Kaitia 6 — Soper 5, Morsello 6, O'Connor 7.

This was a terrible match, football wise. The only saving grace which earns it a six rating is that it was filled with excitement and tension.

In addition, referee Wood's handling of what was at times a very spiteful affair, left a lot to be desired.

There was even a brief exchange of punches late in the piece between Jimmy Dunne and Tony Morsello, and both offenders earned only a dressing down, if one could call it that.

How City did not win the match by the proverbial mile is beyond belief. Willie Wal-

lace's men had little to offer up front and had it not been for the host of missed chances, and the brilliance of Greg Woodhouse, they would have paid dearly.

To be fair, though, Leichhardt lost central defender Mark Pullen in the fifth minute and his replacement Col McAusland went into the midfield, while Alan Hughes dropped back, originally to mark Paul Wilkinson.

Hughes' spilling football certainly paid dividends and in the second half he switched his attention to Barry Kelso, who on the day emerged at City's most dangerous forward.

The missed chances for City in the first half had to be seen to be believed.

An undoubted highlight was a world class save by Woodhouse of a point blank Kelso header, from one of at least a dozen corners Palinkas took for City in quick succession.

City at least have maintained their unbeaten home record, one which they will jealously guard on Sunday week when they meet South Melbourne Hellas in a game at which their ground will be officially opened by the State Governor, Sir James Ramsay.



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MATCH RATING 5

Heidelberg 2
West Adelaide 0

Goals: Tansey 28th, Paton 83rd.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Crowd: About 3200.
Referee: Voutinas 6.
Cautions: Campbell (H).
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 — McMillan 8, Yendoom 7, Managie 6 (Provan 59th), Tansey 6 — Cole 7, Campbell 8, Rooney 7, Selemidis 5 — Paton 7, McGorry 7.
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 — Bozanic 8, Tymczyszyn 6, Topaz 8, Haig 6 — Norris 5 (Manecan 69th), Boyle 7 (Forde 83rd), Honeyman 6 — Wright 6, Pillans 6, Brown 5.

While Heidelberg's climb up the ladder continues, its attempts to sign a star player are proving unsuccessful. Club publicity chief Ollie Norris tells us he has made approaches for Kevin Keegan and Alan Ball of Southampton, Steve Perryman and Glen Hoddle of Spurs, Steve Coppell and Lou Macari of Manchester United and Billy Bonds of West Ham, without success.

But all at Alexander should be well pleased by the improvement shown on Sunday, while West Adelaide Hellas, now in real danger of relegation, probably will resort to sacking coach Billy Birch. The coach is always made the scapegoat.

West Adelaide had no penetration in attack nor mid-field. Peter Boyle must be given credit for effort and hard running but even he should have got a lot more attacks going for the amount of possession he had.

Jimmy Rooney claimed credit for Heidelberg, saying his players always aimed at closing down the opposition and forcing it to play the ball square, the way West Adelaide did for most of the match.

However, West Adelaide still had ample opportunities to play in forward half. Dave Phillips, and should have done so.

Had it not been for goalkeeper Martyn Crook, right back Vic Bozanic and centre back Shraga Topaz, West Adelaide would have been swamped with four or five goals instead of two.

Bozanic, in my opinion, was the man of the match — totally committed, always wanting the ball, battling hard to break through.

Martyn Crook, who made an uncanny save from Gary Cole, was faultless in goal, and Topaz broke down countless Heidelberg thrusts with fearless tackling and good positioning.

Rooney changed his team around, due to the return of striker Jamie Paton after six weeks out through injury. Paton partnered Joe McGorry in the middle of the attack, and Gary Cole and Theo Selemidis played wide on either side of the field in a 4-2-2 formation.

The new formation was intended not only to accommodate McGorry and Paton as twin strikers, but also to give Cole more room out wide. He did a lot of work and he launched two or three powerful drives that went close to scoring.

Paton was always a danger in the middle. Two of his first-time shots from square balls missed narrowly, but he made amends just before the end by having a hand in the second goal.

Rooney slipped a free kick wide to Jim Campbell who played it square into the area from the right. Paton got a touch, and it went in off the foot of a defender.

Big McGorry also posed a constant threat to the visitors' defence. He set up the first goal, galloping away on a lob from Arthur McMillan and squaring it across goal to Jim Tansey who put it away off his shin.



LES SHORROCK's picture highlights three of the leading players in the Heidelberg v West Adelaide match, from left: Jamie Paton, Shraga Topaz and Vic Bozanic.

Blair, Little the heroes as Hellas drops point

Makedonia 1
SM-Hellas 1

Goals: Buljevic (SM) 42nd, Little (M) 89th.
Venue: Connor Reserve, Melbourne.
Attendance: 6000 estimate.
Referee: Don Campbell (SA).

Cautions: Ollerton.
MAKEDONIA: Clayton 8, Rainey 6, Higham 7, Flavell 6, Beech 7, Faulkner 7 (McMillan 57th), Whittle 6, Luchford 6, Brown 6, (Little 82nd), Ollerton 6, Cullen 6.

HELLAS: Lamets 6, Bannan 7, Xanthopoulos 7, Blair 9, Davidson 8, Christopoulos 8, Shirra 8, Stevenson 7, Buljevic 8, Cummings 6 (Rogers 67th), Evans 7.

John Margaritis's curd after-match comment was: "We should have won by seven goals. There was a big difference in class between the two sides."

While a seven-goal difference may have been too much to ask for, Hellas certainly deserved to be coasting to an easy victory rather than hanging onto a solitary goal which in the end proved to be less than enough.

Hellas took the game to the home side for long periods with the midfield, featuring a sparkling Jim Shirra and when Vince Bannan's cross from the right was met by Buljevic at the far post with a neat header which gave Clayton no chance.

At the back too, Hellas was solid with Steve Blair having

an outstanding game against Peter Ollerton, winning everything in the air and tackling tenaciously on the ground, while Alan Davidson matched Robert Cullen for pace and still found time to offer himself for the occasional sortie up front.

With all this going for them the league leaders created enough chances to have won the game in the opening 20 minutes.

Davidson overlapped and crossed for Duncan Cummings to shoot over the bar in the second minute, Branko Buljevic had a good shot turned to corner after eight, Shirra hit the crossbar and Cummings booted the rebound skyward in the 15th, and Christopoulos fired a long-range effort in the 20th.

Further on Clayton came out to intercept a great through ball just before Christopoulos could reach it, and then he pulled off another good save from Shirra's shot.

Makedonia's answers to these openings were a Peter Ollerton cutback across goal which found no-one to finish it, and a Claude Luchford miskick in front of goal following a great run and cross from the right by Jeff Faulkner.

The Hellas pressure finally paid off in the 42nd minute when Vince Bannan's cross from the right was met by Buljevic at the far post with a neat header which gave Clayton no chance.

Brian Edgley sacrificed Faulkner, who had been by no

means the worst of the mid-field, to bring on George McMillan after the break. And the newcomer didn't take long to get into the thick of the action, breaking into the clear twice but shooting over both times.

But it was Hellas that kept making the better openings, with Buljevic lobbing over the keeper but over the bar also. Then shots from Evans, Christopoulos and Rogers in quick succession again brought the best out of Clayton.

When all that had failed and with time running out, Hellas eased up, striking the ball around for the closing five minutes.

Edgley, probably more through desperation than anything else, had taken off a rather subdued Doug Brown for John Little eight minutes from the end.

But just when the game seemed destined to produce Hellas's second away-win of the season, the young substitute bobbed up for the second week in a row to produce the equaliser right on the stroke of full time, hammering home from inside the area following a centre from the left.

The Makedonia coach paid credit to Hellas after the match.

"They are a very good side," he said. "We helped by playing well below what we could have done, but it was a good game and I'm happy with a point."

Draw — thanks to James

Canberra 2
Blacktown 2

Goals: J. O'Shea, Byrne (Can), Burrows 2 (Black).

Venue: Bruce Stadium.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 8, M. O'Shea 7, Williams 8, J. Shea 7, Stark 7 (Massa 48th 8), Farrell 7 (R. O'Shea 48th 8), Byrne 9, Purdie 9, McLaren 8, Brennan 7, Gibson 8.

BLACKTOWN: James 9, Wheatley 8, Milovanovic 8, Pointer 8, Salvage 8, Culine 8, Milosevic 7 (Wallace 65th 7), O'Donnell 8, Cuk 8, Burrows 9 (Quarmby 82nd).

Referee: Ken Allen.

Crowd: 5,870.

Y. Cards: Milovanovic, Cuk and Rasmussen.

Rale Rasic's much vaunted offside tactics reaped rich reward in the second stanza as



Peter Windsor

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did the great form of goalkeeper Bruce James.

Satisfying for Canberra was the form of Ian Purdie who in his first full PSL game showed real class.

Still in need of a run, Purdie — like fellow Scottish import Ian Gibson — is going to make a big impression on national league football.

Canberra was first to score. Gibson weaved a magic path down the right flank and his deep cross was headed on brilliant from the left by Purdie — right to John O'Shea who was perfectly placed to head home.

They looked set for another big win.

Four minutes later, however, sloppy defensive work allowed Blacktown's Brian O'Donnell to go unchecked on the edge of the box and send off a square pass to Paul Burrows.

Burrows welcomed the chance and his first-time rocketed into the net.

It was again Burrows who found the net the 34th minute. Canberra had been on top when Blacktown's quick raid saw panic reign in Canberra's defence and somehow Burrows was allowed to move into open space.

The angle was acute but Burrows' shot managed to squeeze wide of Canberra goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski's fingers and into the net.

It took Canberra only five minutes into the second half to wipe out the deficit when Terry Byrne, again in brilliant form, rose to meet a finely-placed Gibson free-kick with his head and steer it into the net.

From then on Canberra attacked and Blacktown defended.

It was then that the offside trap reaped great rewards and James showed great reflexes.

Three times he saved Blacktown, stopping from shots by Robert O'Shea and Ian Purdie and a header by John Massa.

All deserved goals.

And late in the second half Canberra did find the net through MacLaren seconds after a free kick-but it was disallowed.

Coach George Murray freely and frankly admitted it was a disappointed game, disappointing, he said, because only for one brief patch did Canberra show its true potential.

"It was really a game of mistakes. We capitalised on theirs and they capitalised on ours," Murray concluded.

Canberra has been drawn to play Sydney Olympians in the second round of the PSL Cup and the game will be played under floodlights on Wednesday, May 13.

The venue is Queensland's Sefton Oval.

Arrangements for the game were finalised at the weekend between Canberra and the PSL's secretary, Paul Kemp.

The game is expected to begin at 7 pm to allow for the possibility of a draw and a Cup-tie shoot-out.

"We will be going all out for a win by early goals and early dominance," said Canberra's coach George Murray.



Dick Prendergast

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Injuries cripple KB

Sydney City 4
Newcastle 1

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7 — Mullen 8, Spanios 7, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7 — Watson 9, Patikas 7, Barnes 8, Savvas 7 — Kosmina 8, Boden 6.

NEWCASTLE KB: Dando 6 — Rooney 7, Drinkwater 6, Bartog 6, H. Tradnick 6 — Hays 6, Sankalski 6, McClelland 6, Jones 7 — Storey 6, Mountford 6.

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Conditions: Fine.

Crowd: 2614.

Referee: Henry Witschge 8.

Cautions — Storey 67th.

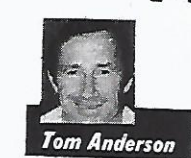
Goalscorers — City: Kosmina 1 min & 25 min; Barnes 39th min & 69th min.

KB: Jones 73rd min.

A disputed goal by John Kosmina in the opening minute of the game sealed the result for the Sydney City Slickers.

Newcastle goalkeeper Phil Dando saved Kosmina's shot but referee Henry Witschge, on the spot, deemed the ball to have gone over the line for a goal.

KB never recovered from this blow and the Slickers went from strength to strength.



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING 7

In fact, they produced their best performance of the season and put it together well.

Socceroo striker John Kosmina grabbed two goals and his workrate was high.

Socceroo skipper Murray Barnes also got into the act with two goals.

Barnes played as an attacking midfielder and was very strong when he came forward.

It is now obvious that he is not a defensive player, as he proved in Auckland he cannot pick up a man.

His passing lets him down as a playmaker so he has to be used as a forward-running midfielder.

And with Ken Boden a similar type of player it looks impossible to play both of them in the Socceroo team at the same time.

For this would indeed be a luxury that national coach Rudi Gutendorf could not afford.

far as coach Alan Vest is concerned.

Once again as in seasons past, KB has been hit by injuries and is operating on a very small budget. It just does not have the depth to counteract the injuries.

This is not the situation with big spenders like the Slickers and this is where the Newcastle of the PSL just cannot compare on even terms with the millionaires.

It now seems that honors will elude the Northerners until they can acquire a social club of their own and poker machines to boost their budget.

KB's goal came the 73rd minute from David Jones who hit a great left foot shot past Todd Clarke from 25 metres.

The return of Clarke in the Slickers' goal certainly has strengthened the city defence.

Also Kevin Mullen made his first appearance of the season and this added more strength to the backline.

It will be unfortunate for the Slickers in the next few weeks to play without the experience of Todd Clarke.

He is due to travel overseas on a business trip and his deputy, Tony Pezzano, will be called upon to hold the fort.

But to sum up, it was a fine win for the Slickers and they really put it together.

If they can reproduce this form in coming weeks then they should be back with a

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Punch-up puts Pat out

Although he has gained more than his fair share of the game's honors, Frankston City's "guest" Pat McCuskey must ruefully reflect upon the further accolades which must surely have come his way but for the infamous "Copenhagen Incident."

McCuskey, along with fellow Scottish international squad members Billy Bremner, Willie Young, Arthur Graham and John Harper was barred from international soccer for life following a fracas in a Copenhagen night club on the eve of a game versus Denmark in 1976.

Although the ban has been subsequently lifted, his career never really recovered from the blow.

Joining schoolboy favorites Glasgow Celtic from Maryhill Juniors in 1970, McCuskey forced his way into the Celts first team within two years and was a regular in the Scottish under-23 selection by 1973.

Playing alongside such greats as Billy McNeill, Jimmy Johnstone, Kenny Dalglish, Lou Macari, Bobby Murdoch, Dixie Deans, Bobby Lennox, Danny McGrain and David Eay, he gained three League Championships and two Scottish Cup Winners' medals.

Prior to his transfer to Dumbarton in 1977, McCuskey wore the famous green and white jersey in 116 league games, scoring 11 goals, five of them from the penalty spot.

During five European campaigns opposition of the calibre of Inter Milan, Olympiakos, Pireas, Athletic Madrid and Ujpest Dosza were encountered.

Dumbarton, with average home attendances slightly over 2,000, offered a considerable contrast to the glory days at Celtic, however it was here that McCuskey was to spend three seasons before a \$30,000 transfer took him to Airdrie and a return to Premier Division soccer.

At Airdrie he played an integral role as the newly-promoted club consolidated its Premier Division status.

A sweeper in the early part of his career, McCuskey has latterly operated in midfield and it is here that Frankston will probably gain greatest value from his brief stay. — PAUL MOON

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This week's hat-trick heroes: Andrew Stenbom, 7, five goals, 12 (Northcote City);

Paul Nieuwenhuizen, 14 (Fernie Gully); Anthony Reed, 15 (Eddie Breac, 15, Bekim Alia, 10 (Sunshine City); Shane Semmens, 12 (Moreland); Steven Keenan, 11 (Chelsea); W. Boland, 12, four goals, 3, five goals (St. Edmund's College); Nick Dimitrakas, 10 (Kew Park Rangers); Tony Dalk, 11, four goals, 12 (Sunshine City); Andrew Marth, 12 (Sunshine City); Robert Bell, 14 (Sunawading Utd); Darren Gatt, 9, five goals (Springvale); Alex Kostoglou, 12 (Clifton Hill); Kent Presland, 11, David Mullins, 12, Adam Pehivavoglu, 12, Billy Henderson, 14, four goals, Frank Delagracia, 14, Jason Walters, 14 (Sophia White, 9, Mat, 12, four goals, (Eaglehawk); Chris Foulds, 11 (Macedonia); Craig Berry, 15, six goals (Nonawading Utd); Nelson Hughes, 12, Marcello Valencio, 12 (South Dandenong); Adam Gowans, 8, Darren Tibbals, 7, four goals, Tim Higginson, 5, five goals, Quade Shepherd, 11 (Baxter); Joe Zubele, 18 (Essendon Croatia); Chris Randall, 13, Mark Gainsford, 13 (Richmond Ex-Servicemen's Club); Jason Gillick, five goals (Frankston Pines); Zoran Todorovski (Altona Gate); Etilmos Dialektos, 12 (Northcote City).



Peter Brine (left) and Eric Young (right), both in the striped shirts, playing for Hobart-Juventus against Rapid-West Point. The Rapid players are Mark Oakes (left) and Mick Southworth (right). (Photo by Peter van Lierop).

Brine, Young escape the PSL's net

By
WALTER
PLESS

Some big fish certainly do escape the net. Two very experienced English professionals have managed to escape the net of the Philips League clubs and are currently joint player-coaches of Tasmanian State League club, Juventus-Pioneer (Hobart). They are London-born Peter Brine 27, and Eric Young 28, from Stockton-on-Tees.

Full credit must go to Juventus for signing these two excellent players half-way through last season. Juventus was second last at that stage, with one point from nine games. Due largely to the efforts of these two players, Juventus finished the season in fourth place.

Juventus has engaged the players as joint-coaches this season and their influence has been very noticeable.

The club won the pre-season "Michael The Tailor" Cup competition and is now in equal third place in the State League, having lost only one of its four games.

Brine played a considerable number of first-team games with Middlesbrough between 1970 and 1976, scoring a number of goals as a striker. In 1976 he went on loan to the Minnesota Kicks (USA).

Two torn cartilages and torn

cruciate ligaments put him out of the game for two years. Prior to joining Juventus, he played for Whiteby in the Northern League in England.

Eric Young played for Manchester United, Peterborough, Walsall, Stockport, Darlington and Whiteby before joining Juventus.

He was with Manchester United during the latter years of the Law-Best era and played in several of United's four games at that time. Eric holds the English Football Association Preliminary Coaching Certificate.

Brine and Young have turned Juventus into a very good side, a side that should be challenging for honours at the end of the season.

Under their coaching, several youngsters have earned places in the first team. Luciano Fabrizio, Paul Darko, Nick di Martino and Nick Lapolla are some who have made the grade.

Brine as sweeper and Young in midfield are a class above other State League players in Tasmania.

Their ball control is immaculate, their reading of the game uncanny, their prompting and urging of other players helpful and encouraging. If ever two players transformed a team, these are the two. They are scrupulously fair in their play,

their sportsmanship being a fine example to all youngsters.

The Tasmanian soccer scene has a number of good features, according to Young.

He is impressed by the number of teams that many clubs have, ranging from junior to senior sides. An English club of comparable standard generally only has a senior side. Considering the standard of the State League, he is also impressed with the wages that clubs pay to players.

Brine commends the professional outlook of Tasmanian State League clubs compared to clubs of a similar standard in England.

He believes that the appointment of a full-time Director of Coaching in Tasmania was a good move and he thinks that a Tasmanian team in the Philips League is a must if soccer in the State is to progress.

Both players agree that training facilities in Tasmania need to be improved, although the existing facilities are still better than those of many comparable English clubs.

They also agree that soccer must receive greater publicity, that there must be better coaching at every level, and that youngsters should not be spoilt with material rewards, such as trips and trophies, at too early an age.



Johnny Warren

Croatia tops

A welcome addition to our soccer scene, the Southern League has opened up the game in Southern NSW.

One of the instigators of the league is Hal Leslie, the man who did so much to get Canberra City off the ground. Hal has spent a lifetime contributing to the game and he is over the moon about how well the league has kicked off.

Crowds are averaging 500 plus (comparable with many of the NSW State League crowds) and after three rounds the table was: Croatia Deakin 6 pts, West Woden 5, Downer Olympic 5, Hanwood 3, Karungai 2, Wagga 0, Yoolgali 0, Goulburn 2, Karungai 2, Wagga 0, Yoolgali 0.

Croatia Deakin is coached by former St. George and Canberra City star Vic Fernandez while Downer Olympic is coached by former Saint Brendan Grosse.

My interest in the league has been stimulated by the many friends I have at the Hanwood Club in Griffith.

Coach John Lal from Fiji is an old friend who is doing wonders for the game in the Griffith area.

John is the former Fiji national coach who led Fiji to that 1-0 win over Jimmy Shoulder's Soccerro team back in 1977.

The team manager, Jim Portelea, is a tremendous worker for junior soccer in the area, as is Bob Maudrell who is the president of the inaugural NSW Southern League.

Griffith's most famous son is Walter Valeri, the Canberra striker.

And unless I'm a bad judge, the new league quickly will unearth many more Valeris in Griffith and other competing areas.

The Hanwood Club is backed by the Hanwood Catholic Club and has fostered soccer for more than 30 years.

Griffith soccer was particularly strong in the 1960's but then languished until the idea came up for a Southern League.

The Southern League is a twelve team competition.

Hanwood has got off to a reasonable start and is looking to its younger players such as Kevin Colpo, Steven Pannazolo, and Dominic Lal as well as its experienced players like Sarge Sergi, Roy Calabria and Kevin Cerato.

The growth of school holiday soccer camps throughout the nation is not necessarily doing the game any harm.

If anything it is filling a void that quite frankly the ASF itself should have covered many years ago.

Due to the lack of organised camps private groups and individuals have started their own.

People like David Lee, Rale Rasic, Ray Richards, Peter Ollerton, Eddie Thomson, Richard Alagic and Frank Arok are all involved in different camps this coming holiday and unlike some people I think it is all a good thing for the game.

We have long cried about the fact that experienced players and coaches are allowed to drift out of the game.

Soccer camps are one way for the players and coaches to pass on their knowledge to youngsters and parents.

And in this respect soccer camps should be encouraged.

The more operating, the more competitive they will become and the better the service to the kids.

My Johnny Warren Soccer Academy which I run together with Ray Richards tries to offer more than the other camps.

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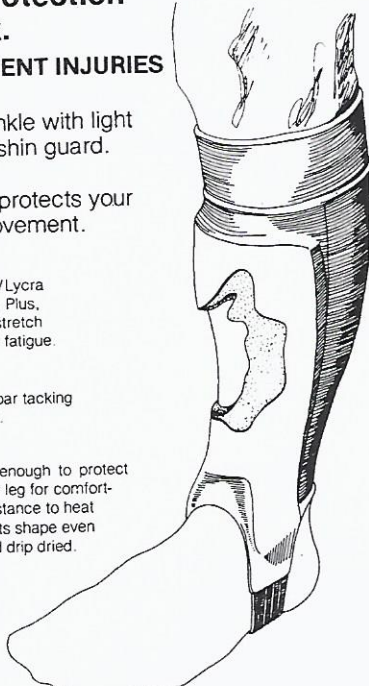
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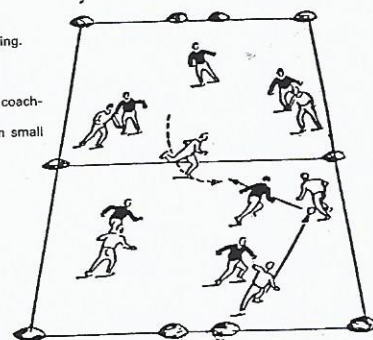


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REGIONAL LEAGUES BACKWARD STEP



Mike Johnson

Two recent statements regarding a possible facelift for the Philips League were in total contradiction and are worth examining.

One emanating from Adelaide was negative and depressing. It suggested that next season the league may have to split into two regional zones.

The other statement, coming out of Sydney via Sydney City, was positive and uplifting.

Sydney City, apparently is considering turning its players into full-time professionals. There unfortunately was one proviso in the Sydney City statement. It said the change to full-time could be made only if we also made the proposed change to summer soccer. I would like to look at the Adelaide depression first. Just because the two Adelaide clubs are in parlous financial straits does not mean the rest of the country is likewise. Sydney City, for one has made it obvious that it is not. Of course none of our clubs is making masses of money. Most of them fight a financial battle each year.

But that is the way of soccer clubs the world over. They are not, in the main, money-making organisations.

What we are talking about when we talk about changing the Philips League is the standard of our soccer.

I have stated recently much to the chagrin of at least one "Soccer Action" reader. It is the standard of our soccer which holds the game back in this country more than any other factor.

There is no way that the standard of our game will grow if we regionalise the Philips League.

Perhaps it will be more financially viable, but without the true competition of a national league to stimulate top coaches and players, without the prestige that a national league engenders, without the drive which a national league inspires, our soccer standards will drop.

Our top soccer has never been so professional as it is today.

This will change if we go back to regional soccer.

If we regionalise we eventually will revert to a fifth-class soccer nation. With an updated Philips League we will become one of the second level-soccer nations in the world, outclassed only by the big money nations, Italy, Germany, Russia, Brazil, Argentina, Spain and England, but eventually able to match it with the rest.

Sydney City has pointed the way. Some weeks ago I said that clubs should consider putting playing staff on a more professional footing to increase their soccer commitment.

What I suggested was that they get their players placed in employment with sponsors, social clubs and other sympathetic employers who would allow them time off to train each day.

St George has assured me that it could do this and I am sure there are other clubs in the country that could do the same.

I am sure Marconi could and South Melbourne likewise.

And now Sydney City has announced it can go completely full-time.

Great, we could have a Philips League where clubs are on a restricted full-time basis, others on a completely full-time basis and others part-time, as now.

This varying form of playing status applies among clubs in some leagues in Scotland and Europe.

The aspiration for all the part-time clubs is to become full-time within such a league structure.

This country currently is developing some potentially great young players.

This greatness never will be fully realised till we can give them a competition where those involved do so on a full-time basis.

Sydney City, our most successful club despite its limited support, was a pathfinder when it was an initiator of the long-awaited national league.

It is great that the club is able to announce it can go full-time next year.

I only wish the announcement was not tied to summer soccer, but I applaud the optimism behind it.

Saints, Croatia pack 'em in

A crowd of 7126 saw a magnificent battle of wits between St George and Croatia in the NSW State League.

St George broke the deadlock five minutes into the second half but Croatia pulled a goal back 15 minutes later to level at 1-1.

Both sides kept going for the elusive match winner, but 1-1 turned out to be the final score line.

In other matches, Melita beat Polonia 1-0, North Sydney beat Avala 1-0, Sutherland thrashed Auburn 5-0. Manly went down to Parramatta 1-0, Riverwood and Canterbury drew 0-0 and Bankstown defeated Monaro 2-1 on Saturday.

St George now has 19 points, followed by Melita on 18 and Croatia two more behind but with a game in hand.

St George 1 (Marton) Croatia 1 (Silva).
North Sydney 1 (Wilson) Avala 0.
Parramatta 1 (Roden) Manly 0.
Sutherland 5 (Groome 2, P. Bush, T. Bush, Meades) Auburn 0.
Melita 1 (Berry) Polonia 0.
Canterbury 0 Riverwood 0.
Bankstown 2 Sutherland 1.

COMPETITION TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ST GEORGE	9	0	1	31	7	18
MELITA	7	2	0	19	6	16
CROATIA	5	2	3	15	16	12
RIVERWOOD	4	3	2	11	5	11
Sutherland	4	2	4	13	17	10
Monaro	4	2	4	13	23	8
Canterbury	3	2	5	10	18	8
Polonia	3	1	6	12	21	7
Avala	3	0	7	13	19	6
Manly	3	0	7	12	20	6
Bankstown	3	0	7	6	20	6
Auburn	2	1	6	9	17	5
North Sydney	2	0	7	6	23	4
Parramatta	2	0	7	6	23	4

NSW Soccer Federation fixtures for 8th/9th/10th May.

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY, COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE: Sutherland Shire v Parramatta City at Seymour Shaw Park (1st Rd. 8.15pm/2nd Rd. 8.17pm).

1ST DIVISION: Parrish United v Warrigal Creek Park (1st Rd. 8.15pm/2nd Rd. 8.17pm).

SATURDAY 9TH MAY, COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE: Parramatta City v Bankstown City, Gosford Park, Sutherland Shire v Polonia, Seymour Shaw Park.

1ST DIVISION: Fairy Meadow v Gladsville Reserve, Police Boys Ground; Parrish United v Warrigal United, Cook Park, Belconnen v Kingsley Black Oval; Uni of NSW v Blacktown United David Phillips Fld.

2ND DIVISION: Dee Why v Mt. Druitt Town, Dee Why Oval; Liverpool Albion v M. Villa Roadside, Stanwell Oval.

3RD DIVISION: Bondi Marine v Kingsford, Waverley Oval; West Ryde Rangers v Sydney University, L.N. Wood S/Oval.

4TH DIVISION: Maroubra United v West St. George, Coral Sea Park; Concordia v West Hovey G/O, Marwickville Oval.

5TH DIVISION: Sydney Macauli v Macquarie Uni, Sydney Athletic Fld; Hawkesbury Dist. v Hurlfield B/Os, North Richmond Oval; Chellens v Candem, Jansen Park; Edensor Park v Green Valley Uni, King Tamerside Park.

6TH DIVISION: Parramatta Uni v Transendence Sports, Eric Priestman Res; Liverpool Rangers v Blacktown Wends, Ireland Park.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Goulburn Workers v Downer Olympic, Goulburn Workers Arena.

SUNDAY 10TH MAY, COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE: Cronulla Sydney v Inver Mearns, King Tamerside Park; Riverwood v St. George BSC, Hurstville Oval; Melita Eagles v Cast-A-Ville Oily, Stanwell Oval.

Riverwood, on 12 points, continue to hold down fourth spot.

In the early stages at the St George stadium, it looked like St George was going to stamp its domination on the match.

But Croatia woke up and even got on top at times, making the game a battle of two evenly matched teams.

Saints got the vital break-through both sides had been looking for in the 50th minute when Billy Griffiths ran past the goalkeeper in the penalty area.

Griffiths was fouled, referee Tim Davies pointed to the penalty spot, and striker Dez Marton duly stuck it away.

But Croatia's pressure paid dividends in the 65th minute when striker Marcos Silva put his head to an accurate cross from Marian Kovacic.

Both sides kept up the tense, pressure football, going for the winning goal to the very last minute, and keeping the big crowd on their toes all the time.

Mike Berry broke through Polonia's rock-solid defence to score the winner for Melita Eagles with 20 minutes to go.

Melita had been trying all the match to get past Polonia, which decided to play the ball around at the back to try to slow down the game.

But then Hector Martinez played a hard cross from the left for Berry to head home.

Sutherland scored three goals in the first 20 minutes to kill Auburn's spirit, and eventually scored two more to post an impressive 5-0 victory.

Nigel Groome, with two goals, Steve Meades, and brothers Paul and Tony Bush were the goal scorers.

Parramatta scored one goal right on half time from Peter Roden to post their victory against Manly.

Manly completely dominated in the second half but couldn't put the ball past Parramatta's goalkeeper, Dennis Donovan, who pulled off a number of brilliant saves.

North Sydney picked up two valuable points when it beat Avala 1-0 with a Shane Wilson goal close to the end.

Riverwood only could draw 0-0 with Canterbury at Arlington Oval in an even game.

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Everley Park; Avala v Auburn, Knight Park, Manly Warrigal v North Sydney, Inver, Cronulla Park.

1ST DIVISION: Belconnen 75 v Warrigal, 2200s; Rowley Workers v Gullfield County, Millers Reserve; North Bankstown v SSC, Yugal, Potts Park.

2ND DIVISION: North Ryde v Lane Cove Oval, North Ryde Oval; Roaming Eagles v Blacktown Hills, St. Johns Park; Gladsville Hby v Gosford Park, Pioneer Park; Riverwood v Campbelltown City, Schofield Park.

3RD DIVISION: Paddington Spas v Ararat, Campbell Park; Padstow Park v Fort Hocking, Walsby Park; West Warralua v Fairfield Kiwi, Canterbury Park; Hurstville-Zagreb v Eastern Creek, East Park.

4TH DIVISION: Ryde District v Eastwood S/A, Hall Park; North Ryde v Chelms, Murray Farm Reserve; Hervey Rangers v Fairfield West, Astor Park; Cowley Heights v Warrigal, Hills King Park.

5TH DIVISION: Papworth v Moorbank, Jellison Park; Glenquarie Uni. v Auburn Juniors, Bessy Road S/Camp.

6TH DIVISION: Liverpool City v Rangera Heights, Eric Smith Reserve; Robins v Bankstown Sports, Packville Oval; Blacktown Wils v Liverpool United, Landolt Reserve; South Sydney Dist. v Cole Vale, Broomfield Park.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Harwood v Albion Hotspur, Harwood Oval; Castamundra v West Wollaton, Fisher Park; Denkanen City v Belconnen United, Marco Polo Oval; Cronulla Sharks v Kooragang Island, Denkanen Oval; Waga-United v Yagall, To be advised.

AUST. YOUTH LEAGUE "EASTERN DIVISION": Wollongong City v AIS, Wollongong Show Gnd; Leichhardt v Sydney City, Leichhardt Park; Blacktown City v Marconville, Gullaby Gnd.

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BUFFALO SPORTS

Polonia fans, player unrest at Slavia

Polonia's bubble burst last weekend and after a dismal effort against Albion Rovers there are growing doubts about Polonia's ability to maintain its leadership of First Division.

But Polonia doesn't have half the worries of First Division rival Slavia.

The list of disgruntled players at Slavia continues to grow.

First Mick McGorran, then John Lucchesi and now John Cullen and Dave Griffiths are reported to be seeking a move away from the state relegated from the State League last year.

And Slavia manager-coach Tony Vrzina made the club's position clear.

"If they don't want to give their all here then they can go," said Vrzina.

Box Hill 3 (Valentine, Brownlie, Taylor) KNOX CITY 0

BOX HILL: Morgan, Roodhouse, Brownlie, Singleton, (featherstone 85 min.), Rae, Vercich, (McLeod 85 min.), Valentine, McLeod, Lawler, Taylor, Ramos.

KNOX CITY: Turudia, Fox, Roddis, M. Priestly, Garthwaite, (Senior 51 min.), Bailey, Haupt, (Poncho 64 min.), Smith, P. Priestly, Cochane, House.

Apart from a 15 minute period in the first half, Box Hill always looked too classy for struggling, bottom of the table Knox City.

After only seven minutes Mike Valentine dispossessed Roddis on the edge of the area, and his chipped left foot drive into the top right hand corner gave Turudia no chance.

At this stage of the game Box Hill seemed content to sit back on its one goal lead, and Knox, taking temporary control of the midfield, applied the pressure.

However, the Hillman's back four in which

Albion Rovers 1 (Gilmour) POLONIA 0

Takuma with ratings: ALBION ROVERS: Johnson 6, Scott 5, Munro 5, Stevens 6, Nisbett 6, Smart 4, Reilly 7, Gilmour 5, D'Sylva 4, Gillan 6, Spiteri 6.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 6, Lipinski 6, Javorak 7, S. Klein 3, Gernarski 5, Sekulski 3, Wallace 3, P. Conner 5, Pichler 4, (Garick 60th), Krysinski 4, (Lakic 60th).

Albion Rovers opened up the First Division, bringing Polonia back to within one point of second place with this victory.

The commanding presence of play-coach Frank Munro has made a decided difference to the Albion defence and he makes sure that play remains organised upfield as well.

The vital difference between the teams in this match was that Polonia, apart from Ricky Lipinski, Brendan Lakic and Marian Javorak, was not willing to mix it with Albion.

Box Hill however was not to be denied, and in the 81st minute Valentine picked his way through a crowded penalty area to leave Taylor with the sort of chance forwards dream about. The Box Hill striker coolly picked his spot, and drove the ball hard and low into the corner of the goal to complete the scoring.

Albion then went a little, content to defend its lead, which enabled Polonia to make two openings near the end. First Peter Czapiak got away on a through ball and was forced to wide and his acutely angled shot was stopped once again by Billy Johnson. Then Gerick ran across goal towards a ball coming from the left wing. He ran unopposed but was going too fast to control and place it.

LAURIE SCHWAB

NEW PARK RANGERS 0 SLAVIA 0

PARK RANGERS: Dali, Ogden, Stuart, Nisbett, McLeod, Parsons, Scott, McCarthy, Seaton, Williams, Rees, Spalding, Campbell.

Three players sent-off and a scoreless draw between Park Rangers and Slavia in this First Division game.

Park Rangers, did everything but score and Robin Parsons appeared to be puffed late into the first half inside the area but the referee waved play on.

Mick McGorran, unsettled at Slavia, was sent-off in the 34th minute and Rangers' Frank McLeod and Williams followed late in the game.

Slavia's defence held firm despite a series of goalmouth scrambles and penalties.

BEST: Rangers: Parsons, Savage, Williams, Slavia: Pye, Haupt, Lawson.

MORWELL FALCONS 1 KEILOR AUSTRIA 2

Even with a goal of a start, Morwell couldn't contain the aggressiveness of Keilor Austria.

Morwell was awarded a penalty in the 15th minute for an accidental handball inside the box.

Jim Armstrong was the man who converted.

This seemed to make the Austria players more determined and they were rewarded for their effort in the 38th minute when George Grbac won the ball in midfield, played a through ball to George Craig who crossed to the far post where Ossie Laif was lurking and gave the keeper no chance.

In the second half Keilor continued to harass Morwell not giving it a chance to settle, and in the 78th minute was awarded a free kick just outside the Falcons area.

Campbell took the free kick, placing it on the head of Keith Dobson who from 10 metres to win the match.

SECOND DIVISION FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Atanasovski, Vukovic) PRESTON Makedonia 1 (Brian Coyle)

The way its midfield played on Saturday, it wouldn't surprise me to see Tad Rachwalski being recalled to the side. He deserves to play, anyway.

Albion hit Polonia hard in the first half, after Stuart Gilmour had scored in the 10th minute what was to be the winning goal.

George Gillan seemed to strike fear in the hearts of the Polonia defenders, and Charlie Spiteri attacked relentlessly down the flank despite the awesome opposition of Lipinski.

THE VICTORIAN LEAGUES

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: M. Orie, T. Karlo, I. Karlo, I. Vella, D. Smurgravi, D. Acsaki, L. Talevski, S. Curovic, T. Vukovic, S. Parton, D. Atanasovski.

PRESTON MACEDONIA: G. Foudoulis, B. Atanasovski, P. Stepanovski, G. Boglis, A. Christov, R. Nicasari, S. Mignano, C. Opekanis, M. Nitsori, B. Coyle, N. Coyle.

Footscray J.U.S.T. played atrociously soccer but lacked good finishing against Preston Makedonia.

Dusko Atanasovski opened the scoring in the 32nd minute and Brian Coyle levelled in the 62nd minute.

Tom Vukovic scored the winner after being unlucky with two earlier shots.

BEST PLAYERS: Tom Karlo, Tom Vukovic, Sulejman Curovic for J.U.S.T. A. Christov, S. Magnano, B. Coyle and Brian Coyle for Makedonia.

THIRD DIVISION PRAHRAN CITY 0 BROADMEADOWS 3 (Zuanetti 2, Najdowski)

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Sclunna, Acosta, Sandro, Vozzini, Prokic, Simicic, O'Neil, Zuanetti, Najdowski, Vella (60th 80th).

Best players: Sandro, Zuanetti, Prokic.

Broadmeadows should continue its steady climb up the ladder by beating Eltham at home on Saturday.

FOURTH DIVISION KEYSBOROUGH 1 MORNINGTON 4

Mornington opened the scoring in the first minute but quickly saw itself desperately defending for the rest of the first half.

Keysborough was awarded two penalties but only managed to score once.

The second half witnessed the collapse of Keysborough. The defence which had conceded only four goals in the previous seven games, blundered too often and allowed the Mornington forwards to score virtually unchallenged.

PROVISIONAL FIRST DIVISION MOOROOLBARK 0 CARLTON 1

In one of the best performances since its State League days Mooroolbark soundly defeated Carlton last Saturday.

Jim Wyllie, ex-Croydon, scored first from the penalty spot, Andy Blondell beat the defence for the second; Tony Mastaglio got the third; after half time Page beat the keeper; Blondell headed in his second; Ron Ryff scored a magnificent header; Hugh Graham scored from the penalty spot and Blondell headed in his third and the Barkers eighth.

Carlton's goal came from a good breakaway.

BEST: Killen, Murray, Ryff, Pappas, Blondell, Davies.

DISTRICT FIRST DIVISION CENTRAL CITY 2 BRUNSWICK CITY 1

SCORES: CENTRAL: Andrew Nickolson, M. Ioannou, BRUNSWICK: J. Polido.

CENTRAL: P. Panteli, E. Aristodemou, P. Konstantinov, A. Miller, 1. Altinai, P. Philippou, A. Evripidou, P. Altieri, T. Vassiliou, A. Nicolauas, K. Koukoulis, R. Petralias, S. Hasepi, B. Maritakos, P. Hasepi.

BEST PLAYERS: Central: A. Nicolauas, E. Aristodemou, M. Ioannou, Brunsvick: P. Liakouras, S. Kouroukidis.

Altona got off to a dream start in this crucial local derby but succumbed to a Sunshine attack given greater direction by Scottish newcomer Norrie Pate.

Pate has given the Shiners someone to aim for up front. He comes off defenders well, lays-off accurately and is quick to turn. Indeed he should prove an invaluable target man this season.

Altona, as it has done four times this season, was first to score.

A goalmouth scrimmage developed from a ball crossed into the Shiners' area and George Walters slammed a shot at goal. The ball deflected off a defender to Billy Whyte who had no trouble scoring from close range.

But Sunshine struck back in the 19th minute.

A long free kick from left back Dennis Morovic went to Pate who had stolen in behind the Albion defence and he headed well into the corner of goal from the penalty spot.

Altona defender Brian Kilpatrick was assigned the task of tagging Pate who proved too elusive for the youngster.

Ten minutes later the Shiners took the lead.

And Albion keeper Dennis Masseni must take the blame.

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SUNSHINE 3 (Pate 2, Mussel) ALTONA 1 (Whyte)

SUNSHINE: Contini 7, Dixey 7, Lewis 7, Ellis 6, Morovic 8, Mussel 7, Nelson 6, McHenry 6, Mudrick 7, Pate 9, Leung 7 (Bannigan 60th).

ALTONA: Masseni 6, Thompson 7, Kilpatrick 5, K. Wilson 7, P. Wilson 7, Murphy 6 (DELUCA 2nd Innings 7, Pavlovic 6, Walters 7, Whyte 7, Little 6).



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Tsetsos off!

NORTHCOTE 1 (Sahinidis) CROYDON 1 (Wade)

NORTHCOTE: Tachiris 8, Pats, Kato 6, Kallitidis 6, Nelson 6, Fokas 7, Pabouzo 7, Roddis 6, Gatzonis 6, Sahinidis 7, Tsetsos (Krisis 25th-7), Vasic 6.

CROYDON: Kough 8, Spink 6, Poncho 7, McComb 7, Hobson 5, Wade 7, Smith 8, Howarth 7, P. Loughnane 6, Brogan 6, I. Loughnane 6.

While Croydon looks a far cry from the fine, powerful combination which went so close to capturing the 1981 Ampol Cup, Northcote showed more fight than in recent weeks.

Northcote coach Jim Kiaris is taking a tough line with his charges. Don't follow instructions and you're off! That's the law now.

Young striker Spiro Tsetsos fell victim to Kiaris's hard line when he failed to stay in the middle up front as a target for Northcote's midfielders.

Subsequently Tsetsos was taken off after 25 minutes and Kiaris came on into midfield as his side reverted from playing with three up front into a 4-4-2 formation with Sakis Sahinidis and Dragan Vasic staying wide hoping to stretch the Croydon defence for a

break up the middle by a Northcote midfielder.

But Croydon was on top in the opening 30 minutes.

It took the lead after 15 minutes thanks to young midfielder Paul Wade who followed up a deflected shot to strike the opening blow close range.

The visitors to John Cain Reserve were denied from going further ahead by the acrobatics and sure handling of Northcote keeper "Rocky" Tachiris.

The young Tachiris dived at full stretch to spectacularly pluck the ball out of mid-air from a Wade header which looked a certain goal.

The "Northers" had the better of the second half.

After George Bozakis had blasted into a defender from four metres and Phillip Palauasso's drive was well saved by Sean Keogh it was left to Sahinidis to break the drought with an 88th minute leveller.

Vasic set up Sahinidis who almost blundered. He tried to place his shot into the corner. The ball rebounded off the left upright and ran across goal before crossing the line at the opposite post.

Pryde hits out

HA KOAH 1 (Webster) FRANKSTON 0

HA KOAH: Fryzler 8, Davidson 7, Jordan 6, Duggan 6, Hinch 10th, 81, Gadsby 6, - Nagy 7, Wilson 8, French 9, Kant 6, - McClure 6, Webster 7.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 6, - Gillespie 6, McCluskey 5, Adams 7, Campbell 7 (Inj. Ormond 35th, 6), - Halford 9, Cooper 5, Stewart 8, - Buchanan 7, Egan 6, Webb 6 (Burroughs 70th).

Frankston manager-coach John Pryde slammed Hakoah after his side had gone down 1-4 at Middle Park.

"The atmosphere there is terrible," said Pryde.

"The sooner Hakoah either packs it in or amalgamates the better off everyone will be."

But Hakoah chairman John Chaskiel and club secretary Kurt Derris have denied that Hakoah will pack up or sell out.

Pryde also claimed that his talented striker Charlie Egan came in for rough treatment early in the game.

"If sides are going to start booting Egan I've got six big boys who I can use to dish out the same sort of stuff!"



"After Anton Dosen was injured I brought on George Hannah who took Egan completely out of the game," said coach Bill Allison.

Danny McCluskey "sold" the decision but Hakoah had two clear chances to go further ahead late in the game.

In the 75th minute Richie McCluskey robbed McCluskey just outside the area and pushed the ball through to Stan Webster who slammed it home from 10 metres.

"It'll never take the place of soccer," said Frankston official Les Smith.

Meanwhile Hakoah's revival continues.

The big news for the Baysiders is that the club hopes to sign aggressive midfielder Mark Halsey from relegated English First Division club Norwich City.

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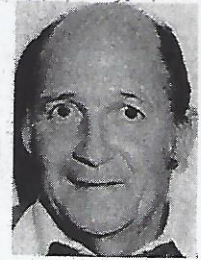
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AJAX 5 (Wall, Greechan, Morrey, McLeod, Williams). **RINGWOOD 0**

AJAX: Denys 7 - Lewis 7, Gardiner 8, Connell 8, Bennett 7 - Greechan 7, Vassallo 7, Hobson 7 - Wall 6 (Williams 55th), McLeod 7, Morrey 7.

RINGWOOD - WILHELMINA: Fearn 5 - Pearson 7, Layton 6, Greenwald 7, Anderson 6 - Brooks 6, O'Callaghan 5, Math 5 - Tetterall 5, Mennick 5, Thom 5.

"Unbelievable... terrible... some players aren't up to it... some think they're still in First Division..."

These are a few of the comments from Ringwood-Wilhelmina coach Mike de Bruyckere after his side was soundly thrashed 5-0 by Ajax.

Ringwood's attempted man-to-man system failed miserably.

The only bright note is that Noel O'Brien will arrive here on May 18.

But Ajax supporters must be enthusiastic about their side's march to the top of the State League.

Peter Lewis could have opened the scoring in the first minute but he headed wide.

After chances went begging Kevin Wall opened proceedings in the 29th minute when his spectacular first time volley from the edge of the area shot into the bottom corner of goal.

Ten minutes later Kit Greechan dummied to shoot with his right foot, switched the ball to his left and crashed an unstoppable drive past Les Fearn.

Bill Morrey scored direct from a corner in the 52nd minute to effectively end Ringwood's resistance.

John Gardiner started pushing forward, building up play. From one such run he ended in the Ringwood area near the by-line. Gardiner cleverly chipped the ball over Fearn at the near post to Gus McLeod charging in and he headed firmly into the back of the net for number four.

Jim Williams, relegated to the bench after arriving late for the game, came on in the 65th minute and didn't take long to add his name to the score sheet.

He went on a run, beat a couple of defenders and once inside the area let fly with a low, left foot shot for Ajax's fifth.

Ringwood needs a few players. Quickly.

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GEORGE CROSS 1 (Paparaz) **JUVENTUS 0**

GEORGE CROSS: O'Hara 7 - Morgan (inj), Mazi 8th, 81, Wilkinson 5, Maitland 7, McKinlay 6 - Gambin 6, Bannan 6, Ripley 6 - Flaherty 5, Toal 7, Paparaz 6.

JUVENTUS: Fantomo 7 - Donaldson 6, Creamy 6, Targuino 7, Hird 7 (Vaccaro N.T. 6) - Curcio 6 (Ciccone 61st), McMillan 7, Sennipoll 5, Heery 8 - Pazzo 7, Incantalupo 6.

It's just as well no-one from Buffalo Sports was at this game because the VSF could have been in danger of losing its major sponsor.

The first half wasn't a bad spectacle but everyone watching should have stayed in the bar for the second 45 minutes.

"Someone once said that life wasn't meant to be easy. I think he was in mind when he said it," said Cross manager-coach Jim Adams.

"I can promise the loyal supporters of George Cross that their players will be reminded of their professional responsibilities at training this week."

For the record the goal was scored in the 43rd minute.

Ged Bannan gained possession as the Juve defence charged out trying to play offside. Bannan chipped the ball to Jim Paparaz on the right.

The Juventus players stopped and appealed for offside but play was waved on. Paparaz strolled in toward goal, cut inside the helpless Alex Fantomo and slammed the ball high into the roof of the net from five metres.

Fabio Incantalupo would have evened the score in the dying moments but for a timely lunging tackle from reliable Norm Maitland.

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Victorian State League
with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Doveton can prove that it is the best of the three sides to come into this year's State League from the Metro First Division when it travels to Crofton on Sunday.

Ringwood and Northcote made the jump alongside the Doves but they haven't been as impressive so far.

No-one can doubt the level of commitment which the Doveton players put into every game for the full 90 minutes.

And I think they will be suited by the narrow confines of Crofton Park relying as they do on their ability to quickly close down and harass opponents.

There's a good drinking team solidly behind the Doves and if they make the trip to Crofton Park they could be full of good cheer by the night's end.

Kim Wassell has to sort out his differences and settle down with the Doves.

He was bitterly disappointed after being substituted last week. He showed as much by flinging his strip down on the ground as he walked off.

I suspect that Wassell's impressions of what Australian soccer had to offer were false.

He's in a learning situation right now. The sooner he accepts his lot and gets on with the job of playing as well as he can the better for him and for the Doves.

I've got no doubts that he has a lot to offer. And I think that Doveton can add to its fine league start by taking a point from Crofton on Sunday.

Croatia should be in a savage mood after failing to take its chances last weekend.

George Cross must improve dramatically from its showing against Juventus last week to have any hope of keeping Croatia at bay.

Croatia manager-coach Len McKendry prides himself on setting high standards. I'm sure his charges will be reminded of this through the week and I expect Croatia to convincingly defeat the Cross which looks undermanned in comparison.

Kevin Adams arrives on Friday morning and Steve Short should be fit after missing last week's match.

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Bill Allison has taken over the coaching reins at Hakoah and has two successive wins to his credit. It would be a feather in his coaching cap if Hakoah took even one point from Ajax but it's hard to go past the Ajax striking force.

George Hannah did well after replacing the injured Anton Dosen last week and he looks likely to be given the daunting task of tagging big Gus McLeod.

I really feel for Hannah.

Moving right on folks let's look at the clash between Frankston and Sunshine at Centenary Park on Sunday.

Frankston manager-coach John Pryde has slammed what he calls roughhouse tactics used on diminutive striker Charlie Egan.

Pryde said that a few of his players could return the gesture if required.

Well John there's a couple of lads in Sunshine's side who will gladly oblige.

And I'm sure Nick Lowe will be keen to do well against his former Frankston team mates.

But I think there'll be a few more Frankston players left standing at the end of this game.

Juventus hopes to sign Ian McNeill and Gerry Edmondson from Hakoah through the week.

Their presence certainly is needed.

Fabio Incantalupo and Tony Heery are the danger men as far as Ringwood is concerned when it goes to Gilton Oval on Sunday.

Ringwood coach Mike de Bruyckere was annoyed at his side's inability to get tight to opponents last week against Ajax.

If Incantalupo and Heery are given room they'll crucify Ringwood but I'm banking on a more disciplined performance from the visitors and I think they can snatch a point.

And Northcote can grab its second win of the season by beating Altona at Kim Reserve.

Now that I've alienated all the Altona people who buy "Soccer Action" I think that I've said enough.

DESPERATE DOVES

DOVETON 0 CROATIA 0

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 - Thurlow 8, Corke 8, Marick 7, McConville 7

CROATIA: Blassby 7 - Adams 6, Kokkaka 8, Bannan 8, Blaver 7 - Andrews 7, Kerr 7, Tront 6 - Mitten 7, Gilder 6, Murphy 6.

There's little point in saying that Croatia should have won. Poor finishing mixed with some desperate and some disciplined defending resulted in a 0-0 scoreline.

There's not enough space here to document Croatia's second half chances.

Perhaps four highlights will suffice.

A minute after half time Doveton midfielder Jim Train tried to pass back to keeper Lou Ivanoff. Train's pass deflected off Doveton central defender Ernie Merrick and it looked like Carl Gilder would open the scoring. But Ivanoff charged off his line and challenged Gilder. The ball was deflected for a corner.

Then midway through the half Doveton's diminutive full back Alex McConville saved the day with two headed clearances off the goal line within thirty seconds of each other.

Joe Tront had driven two corners toward the near post but Kim Wassell had easily cleared. Then Tront tried another couple of corners this time to the far post but still the Doves held firm. Nor Tront took another corner but he played the ball back to right back Keith Adams. He chipped far post to Noel Mitten who headed goalward only to see McConville head off the line.

The ball was driven across from the resulting corner and was ineffectively cleared. Alan Kerr headed toward goal but again McConville headed clear.

In the 81st minute Tront crossed to Mitten inside the area. He controlled well then cheekily backheeled across

goal. Kerr and Gilder were dead in front, got mixed up and another golden chance had gone begging.

Ivanoff threw out to Gordon Bentley under pressure from Ante Blaver. The Croatia left back robbed Bentley and pushed the ball forward to Mitten. He knocked it inside to

Gilder who was in the clear. As Ivanoff came out Gilder tried to slip the ball under the body of the Doves' keeper. The ball trickled toward goal and Peter Thurlow, Doveton's best player, slid down to clear off the line.

But Thurlow's clearance ran to Gilder who chipped far post. Mitten was free and unchallenged but he mistimed his jump and headed over from five metres.

At the end of the day both sides walked off equal.

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This week's votes:

DOVETON V CROATIA
3 - Thurlow (D)
2 - Bannan (C)
1 - Kokkaka (C)

GEORGE CROSS V JUVENTUS
3 - Wilkinson (GC)
2 - Heery (J)
1 - Toal (GC)

HAKOAH V FRANKSTON
3 - French (N)

2 - Holford (F)
1 - Jordanou (H)
SUNSHINE V ALTONA
3 - Ellis (S)
2 - Pate (S)
1 - Mennick (S)

AJAX V RINGWOOD
3 - Gardiner (A)
2 - Connell (A)
1 - McLeod (A)

NORTHCOTE V CROYDON
3 - Nelson (N)
2 - Smith (C)
1 - Bozila (N)

Progressive totals:
11 - Connell (GGA)
8 - Egan (F), French (H), Ellis (S)
7 - Wilkinson (GC)
6 - Irvine (D), Nelson (N)

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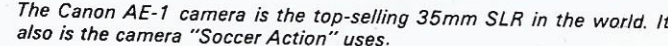
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The daily clinic will start at 10 am every morning at Olympiapark, off Liberty Parade, West Heidelberg.



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From left, standing: Joe Bone (treasurer), Alex Rind (secretary), Andy Sojmei, Frank Palinika (ex-Melbourne), Drago Bulic, Sander Kezi (ex-U.S.T.), Joe Szabo (ex-Melbourne), Kellor-Australia), George Babineck (vice-president), Andrew Kovacs (president). Front: Stjepan Kenton, Istvan Lasezi, Frank Horvath, Steve Blaszkany (ex-Melbourne), Steve Derek, WMU Garamszegi, John Ragany.

Hawksburn, celebrating its 15th season in Victorian soccer, is determined to fly higher than ever this year, even though North Geelong is setting a hot pace in the Provisional League second division. Hawksburn never has finished lower than fourth in any league. It has championships and a District League Cup to its credit. The club comprises mainly Hungarians and its most renowned players are former Victorian representatives Steve Blaszkany and Joe Szabo who were in Nike Hall's Melbourne team of 1970.



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THANKS, MAZDA

Albion Rovers, who are making an early bid for promotion back to the Victorian State League, entertained executives of Werribee Mazda at the Albion licensed clubrooms last week.

Werribee Mazda recently paid the transfer fee of Albion's player-coach Frank Munro, from Juventus. He previously played for South Melbourne

Hellas and for Wolverhampton Wanderers in England.

The picture, by BERNIE WASLIN, shows Werribee Mazda officials Russell Wear (left), and George Provan, standing behind Munro (left) and another star recruit, striker George Gillan from Juventus.

YOUR GUIDE TO THE POOLS

ENGLISH LEAGUE									
DIVISION ONE									
Arsenal 2 (Young, McDermott)	Aston Villa 0	Birmingham 1 (Evans)	Brighton 2 (Foster, Ritchie)	Leeds 0	Liverpool 0	Manchester City 1 (Garnett)	Manchester United 1 (Walsh)	Middlesbrough 2 (Jankovic, 2)	Nottingham Forest 1 (Robertson, pen)
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DIVISION TWO									
Bolton 0	Luton 3 (Stain, White, Swales)	Bristol Rovers 0	Blackburn 1 (Speight)	Cambridge United 5 (Evans, 2, Street, Falton, O'Neill)	Gillingham 1 (Waters, pen)	Cardiff 0	Derby 0	Doncaster 0	Grimsby 0
DIVISION THREE									
Barnsley 4 (Parker, Glavin, 3)	Newport 1 (Gwyther)	Burnley 1 (Potts)	Oxford 1 (Smithers)	Charlton 2 (Walsh, Smith)	Gillingham 1 (Lee)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)
DIVISION FOUR									
Doncaster 2 (Warboys, Nimmo)	Barnsley 2 (McClaren, McGee)	Aldridge 3 (March, 3)	Walsley 0	Harford 1 (McGill)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)
PREMIER DIVISION									
Aberdeen 0	Kilmarnock 2 (McClaren, McGee)	Aldridge 3 (March, 3)	Walsley 0	Harford 1 (McGill)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)
DIVISION ONE									
Clydebank 0	Dumbarton 0	East Stirling 0	Dundee 1	Stirling Albion 0	Motherwell 3	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)
DIVISION TWO									
Arbroath 2	Stenhousemuir 0	Brechin 2	Meashowbank 1	Clyde 3	Stranraer 3	Cowdenbeath 1	Queen's Park 2	East Fife 0	Montrose 0
IRISH CUP									
Ballymena 1	Glenavon 0.	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	Sheff Wed 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)

JUNIOR OF THE WEEK

Steven Harrison of Eltham under-11s is the Buffalo Sports Junior Player of the Week.

He is a newcomer to soccer in only his second season.

His willingness to learn and rapid improvement combined with a tremendous competitive spirit make him a worthy winner of a Buffalo Sports bag.

Steven (pictured) attends Wattle Glen Primary School.

Congratulations, Steven from everyone at "Soccer Action."



SELECTIONS

WEEK 41									
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Give lads a fair go

SIR,

I am writing in connection with the national youth squad.

In the Wednesday, April 8, edition of "Soccer Action" it stated that four of Australia's finest young players are here in Newcastle and it can't be understood why they have not been included in the youth squad.

Well you might say that is wrong as there are six not four in Newcastle and it can't be understood why these two other lads, Chris Miner and Darren Taylor, have not been included in the Newcastle United youth team.

It is harder still to believe they haven't been included or even looked upon for the national youth team.

I think this is very humiliating for these two lads as Chris and Darren have represented N.N.S.W. since the age of 12 and have represented Australia in America with the N.N.S.W. under-19 team which won the Australian title in 1977/78.

These two lads were also selected in the Australian under-16 team which contested the Singapore Lion City Cup.

Chris and Darren also were selected in the N.N.S.W. under-19 team which played in Canberra last year.

After representing their country and state for five years these two lads are not even considered for any team, I think it is disgusting.

I think that it is humiliating for them and I know for a fact that these lads think the same.

One of the lads said: "How humiliating, representing your country and state and not to be even considered for the youth side it makes me feel that I've accomplished nothing."

What have we got out of it all?

You train for years to get to the top and you think you've made it and then you find out that you've achieved nothing."

Anyhow I just wanted to let the selectors or anybody interested in the youth of Australia to know what these lads have achieved in the past for the country and wanted to achieve in the future.

To sum it all up it stinks.

Come on, give the youth of Australia, especially in Newcastle a fair go. Irate supporter.

That ban!

SIR,

Having been connected with Australian soccer since the Melbourne Olympic games as a freelance journalist, I feel personally very much disturbed by the Football League decision to ban "Soccer Action" for using ethnic names instead of nicknames dictated by the PSL executive.

I have been involved in soccer for nearly 40 years and never at any time did I see boycotting of a publication for using club names instead of nicknames dictated by a soccer body.

All over the world clubs are using names they wish to, mostly local district names or instances in Poland: Cracovia (town Krakow), Wisla (main river), Szczecin (town), Polonia, Warszawa (Warsaw), Hakoah (means strength in Hebrew).

When a national league was formed and to attract more spectators, clubs and the national body (PZPN) were using all sort of promotional means, but at no time did the roof of soccer suggest nicknames.

Let us be fair. The game of soccer in Australia is supported by migrants and their children and in Melbourne ethnic names like Hellas, Juventus, Croatia, Macedonia, George Cross, Polonia or Hakoah kept the game alive. I fully agree with my colleague Andrew Dettré that the adoption of ethnic names should be left to the clubs.

Furthermore, I suggest that Mr Andrew Dettré as a leading member of the Australian Soccer Press Association should immediately take

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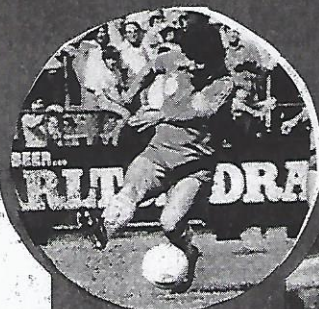
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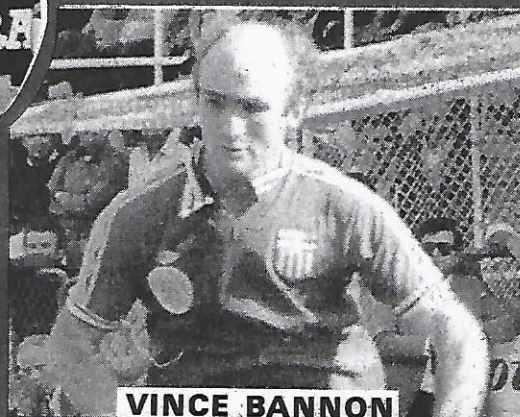
Hellas also thanks James Lane Motors of Sydney Road and Hermes Travel Agency of Lansdowne Street, for providing us, respectively, with a Commodore car and two return tickets to Europe. These will be the major prizes in a club raffle to be drawn at Hellas's annual ball at the Palais on November 17.



STEVE BLAIR

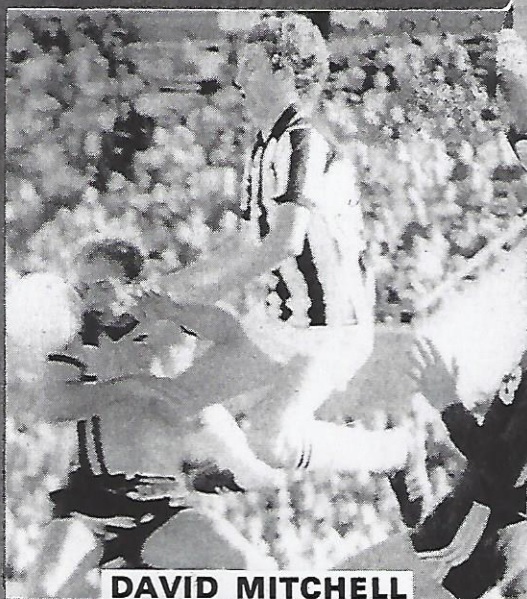


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